

Contactless Giving at Budock Parish Church

If you walk into St Budock church you can't fail to notice the attractive new "CollectIn More" contactless card reader. Budock is one of the Diocese's first churches to obtain one of these devices, though many more are now following suit. At just under £300, no monthly fee and low transaction costs it is one of the best value devices on Parish Buying at the moment. It does need an internet connection to work, but this need not be WIFI; a 4g/3g SIM card will work if you have a phone signal in the church, and the device comes with a multi network SIM which you can activate if you choose, for just £42+VAT per year. This is a SIM card which will pick up whichever phone signal is the strongest, ensuring that your device has a reliable signal. The device can be secured in place with a Kensington lock, which can be bought for a small additional cost, and so is safe to be left unattended in church and is easy for visitors to use. The device works through SumUp using the Give-a-Little app and as such can also be tied in with your online giving.



Initially at Budock they were looking for a device to increase giving, particularly at baptisms, weddings and funerals and for mid-week visitors. They investigated various devices over a long period of time and finally chose the CollectIn, partly because it is compatible with the Data Developments software that they use for their wider finances.

It has proved easy to use but they also have a display giving directions for use should this be necessary. The display also includes a QR code for giving online through Give-a-Little. Geoff, their vicar, gently advises people at occasional services of the device at the back of the church and also of the QR codes which are on slips in the pews.

They began using it in April, following a few difficulties and tribulations, which were easily overcome by SumUp, who were quite helpful during the setup process. For May and June, 36 donations were received in all at a total of £266.82 which was well over and above that given at regular services and by visitors. Of course, these months do not include any of the major church festivals and extra events. Taking June giving as a rough figure, they predict an increase in annual income of £1,572, not including extra giving for Easter and Christmas services and special events.

The main message from Budock to other churches thinking about contactless giving devices is "Get one!"

You can find more information about the CollectIn More device [HERE](#) but please also contact your generous giving advisor who can advise you about this device or others which may be more suitable in your context.

