



Wootton PCC joined the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) on 1st September, and it is now our preferred method for people to make regular donations to our Parish. Donations can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis by Direct Debit. They are made to PGS on the first of the month, and then paid into the parish bank account together with any Gift Aid on the 10th of the month. All donations are restricted to the parish chosen by the donor and cannot be used elsewhere.

PGS is a fast and efficient way to reclaim Gift Aid – saving the Gift Aid Officer, Treasurer, and Auditor time. It is also safer than banking cash. Donors can choose to remain completely anonymous and tend to find it easier to deal with PGS staff rather than someone in the Parish. A unique feature of the scheme is an option for donors to be reminded about increasing the amount they give each year,

The PCC has agreed to move towards using the PGS because it is a well established scheme which will reduce workload and improve our cash flow. It will not cost us anything to join. New donors will automatically use the new scheme. People who currently make payments each month by bank standing order will be given the opportunity to transfer to the PGS if they wish to do so. People who currently use the weekly giving envelopes will be encouraged to use PGS instead, as these envelopes are being discontinued at the end of the year. Gift Aid can now be claimed on most of the donations made by cash in Services, and the white giving envelopes will remain available for people to use if they wish to do so.

An Islandwide Stewardship Initiative is planned from Feb – May 2016. We will participate in this with the North Cluster.

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Do you shop online?

If you do, why not shop through easyfundraising.org.uk and raise free donations for St Mark's & St Edmund's every time you do!

Whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your car insurance or your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for our Parish. There are nearly 3,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Aviva, RAC, Wightlink, Tesco, and Sainsbury's, who will each donate a percentage of the amount you spend to Wootton PCC to say thank you for shopping with them.

It's really simple, and doesn't cost you anything.

All you have to do is:

1. **Go to** <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pccwootton>
2. **Sign up for free**
3. **Get shopping** - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to us. It couldn't be easier!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Wootton PCC will be really grateful for your help. If you would like any advice or help with this, please contact Helen at helendavison1@hotmail.co.uk or on 882330. Thank you for your support!