



Church of **HOLY CROSS,** Much Hadham

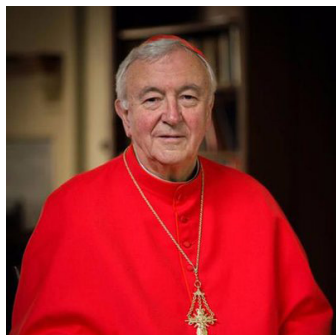


Week Three: **MY PARISH COMMITMENT**

*I can use my time, talents and treasures to glorify
God and benefit my parish community through:*

• **Financial Donation** • **Volunteering** • **Spiritual Commitment**

Thank you for supporting your parish



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for all you do in Bishop's Stortford parish and for considering supporting this planned giving drive.

Over the past two weeks you have heard about the financial needs of your parish, and plans for the future. As we continue to deal with the national cost of living crisis, our churches too face higher costs. But I am confident in asking you to play your part in enabling the Church to continue to develop its life and mission.

This week you are being asked to consider prayerfully how you might support your parish. I encourage you to think about how you are playing your part, always keeping in mind your means and circumstances.

I commend to you the work and commitment of Fr Peter. I hope you are ready to support him and the community of the parish in its service to God and neighbour in Bishop's Stortford and beyond.

Thank you for your continued generosity and service. Please be assured of my prayers, and please pray for me too.

+ Vincent Nichols

His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Bringing our vision to reality...

As Christians we are all part of the Body of Christ, and we are each called to use our gifts, talents and treasures to glorify God and His Church. Our vision for growing God's Kingdom here in Much Hadham can only become a reality if we all play our part in using our gifts, talents and treasures. Two weeks ago we shared our vision for the parish, and last week we shared with you the financial landscape that our parish faces. This week we are asking you to prayerfully consider how you can support your parish church through your time and talents, and through your Offertory giving.

Growing new disciples

Continuing to fund the role of our Catechetical Co-ordinator as they develop their work in supporting our Catechists and recruiting more volunteers in the Parish to help run our Programmes for the Sacraments and for those who want to join the Catholic Church. This will cost about £10,000 per year.

Repairing and maintaining our three churches

We anticipate that we will have to spend at least £250,000 over the next five years to keep our three churches, the Presbytery and the Parish Centre in a good and safe state of repair.

Securing the long-term future of our three churches

We are seeking to establish a Building and Development Endowment Fund for our churches of about £100,000 which will allow us to help future generations in caring for our buildings.

***"This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities
- what we value, what we want, what we seek - and to
commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of."***

Pope Francis, Let Us Dream"

STEP ONE - MY DETAILS *(Please use block capitals)*

Title:First Name: Surname:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

*By giving you my telephone number and email, I consent to being contacted via these methods
I would like to make my contribution by (Please tick)*

☐ Standing Order of £ _____ per week / month (circle)

☐ Weekly donation envelopes £ _____ per week / month (circle)

☐ Please send me information about leaving a gift in my Will to the parish

GIFT AID DECLARATION

UK TAX PAYERS: Sign up to Gift Aid HERE to update our records, even if you have signed up before. (Please sign one name only.)

Office Use only:

PARISH CODE: BISHS

☐ I wish to Gift Aid (Please Tick)

Title:First Name: Surname:

I would like the Diocese of Westminster to treat all qualifying donations I have made since the 6th April 20.....*, and all donations I make in the future until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations. I am a UK taxpayer & understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Customer signature..... Date.....

**We can back-claim Gift Aid for up to the last 4 years, so please insert year as applicable.*

PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

Your personal details and donations will be stored securely on the Diocese of Westminster's database. We comply with data protection regulation and the Fundraising Regulator's code of practice. We will never sell your data to third parties. We (your parish office and the Diocese) will use your details to administer your gifts, occasionally send you news on the work of the Church, and give you the opportunity to support appeals. We only share information with external organisations working on our behalf or when required by law (e.g. to claim Gift Aid). You can read our full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy or call 020 7798 9025.



STEP TWO - GIVING MY TIME AND TALENTS TO MY PARISH

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

By giving you my telephone number and email, I consent to being contacted via these methods

LITURGY - The Parish Worship

- ☐ Reading
- ☐ Singing
- ☐ Playing a Musical Instrument
- ☐ Welcoming people to Mass
- ☐ Cleaning the church
- ☐ Altar Serving / sacristans
- ☐ Flower arranging

BEHIND THE SCENES

- ☐ Counting / Banking Money
- ☐ Parish Pastoral Team
- ☐ Fundraising
- ☐ Organising Social Events
- ☐ Basic DIY Tasks
- ☐ Helping with admin tasks
- ☐ Parish Committees

CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER

- ☐ Visiting the sick / housebound
- ☐ Visiting the bereaved
- ☐ Welcoming Newcomers
- ☐ Using Language Skills
- ☐ Collecting the elderly for Mass

HANDING ON OUR FAITH

- ☐ Baptism Preparation
- ☐ 1st Communion
- ☐ 1st Reconciliation
- ☐ Confirmation
- ☐ Joining a faith study group

Other.....

TRAINING IS AVAILABLE FOR THESE TASKS, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO SPEAK TO US ABOUT IT - PARISHIONERS WITH EXPERIENCE WILL HELP

You will hear back from us within a few weeks with more information.





“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” Corinthians 9:7

STEP THREE - MY PLEDGE (Please tick the correct box below)

- ☐ This is a new Standing Order ☐ I am changing my existing Standing Order
- ☐ I have set up a Standing Order via online/mobile banking for £ _____

STANDING ORDER INSTRUCTION

To the Manager of Bank / Building Society,

1 - ACCOUNT DETAILS

Title: First Name: Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone: Email:

Sort Code:

Account

2 - PAYEE DETAILS - PLEASE PAY

Bank: HSBC Bank plc. Account No: 31094629

For the credit of **WRCDT Bishops Stortford**

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Reference: _____
(Initials & Surname)

3 - ABOUT THE PAYMENT - PAYMENTS TO BE MADE

Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Half-Yearly ☐ Yearly ☐

1st Payment Date: _____ Amount: £ _____
(please allow 30 working days)

Thereafter make payments on the _____ day until further notice
(payments will be made until you cancel this instruction).

4 - NOTE TO THE BANK

This Standing Order is to REPLACE any existing Standing Order to the above bank account. Please print DONOR'S SURNAME AND INITIALS on the bank statement.

5 - CONFIRMATION

Customer signature..... Date.....



THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Your gifts make our parish work possible.

Thank you...

- ***To all our parishioners and families, for faithfully attending Mass and participating in the spiritual life of our parish.***
- ***To our volunteers, who use their energy, time, skills and talents to complete all the important jobs that are integral to the life of our parish.***
 - ***To our regular givers, for ensuring we maintain and grow our parish mission.***
 - ***For growing and strengthening your parish family, particularly after the recent hardship we have all faced.***

Your faithful support will:

- ***Sustain the mission of the church, share the gospel and serve those in need.***
- ***Ensure this parish is at the heart of the community and continues to be a place of prayer and worship.***

Together, we are a parish family.

***Together, we'll see God at work in our community
& in our lives.***

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