

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Whilst we are all missing contact with our Church and community, rest assured your Church is missing you.

As many of the Church's services as possible have moved to online and we are grateful for that.

However, our income is being severely hit by the loss of the Sunday collections which we depend on to sustain our Church and Priest. We do have reserves but as you can imagine they will be needed to offset operating losses. In addition, we believe it is prudent to allocate some funds for emergency repairs that might be necessary in the near term.

Inevitably, this note is asking all the Parishioners to help where they can. The Diocese has created the facility of a "CASHLESS OFFERTORY" and you are asked to support it please.

You can continue with an offertory gift on line at <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/parishoffertory> . When making your payments, be careful of the option to make an extra donation to "Just Giving". The amount is optional and entirely up to you

As this is an initiative by the Diocese, it is important to note the parish name with your donation "PARISH OF OXTED AND WARLINGHAM".

IMPORTANT! Please take this opportunity to "Gift Aid" your contribution, thereby allowing the Parish the right to claim back an extra 25% of any contribution you make from HMRC. However, you do need to let us know that you wish to "Gift Aid" your contributions but this can all be done remotely.

If you go to the Parish website

<http://www.oxtedandwarlinghamparish.org/finance.htm> and you will be able to download the Gift Aid declaration form you need to fill in to state that you are a tax payer and you wish to "Gift Aid" your contributions to the Parish.

Please, please give this some thought. It makes a massive difference if we can claim those extra funds.

With the gradual transition to cashless transactions, as well as the current problems, you may find a Standing Order a more convenient way to make your offertory donation.

If you bank online it is easy to do. All that is necessary is decide the sum you wish to donate, and the regularity of payment.

The Parish Bank details are -

Bank: HSBC
Name: The Parish of Oxted and Warlingham
Sort code: 40-05-20
a/c Number: 71076361

If you choose this route, which we encourage, don't forget to "Gift Aid" the payments if you are a UK tax payer. The parish will benefit and it will cost you nothing more. Once again, the forms are available online:

<http://www.oxtedandwarlinghamparish.org/finance.htm>

Finally, we have decided to postpone the traditional Easter offering for the Parish Priest until we are all physically together again. We will be allocating some of our reserves to cover a large part of this anticipated amount under a Diocesan approved scheme.

Please do what you can and, more importantly, stay well.

Many thanks

Michael Kelly

Chairman of the Finance Committee.