

## Welcome to the SICR Stewardship Campaign 2022.

This resurrects the promotion of 3 years ago (2019) which was put on hold due to, of course, the Covid 19 pandemic. All of society has been affected not least the church. Sadly, our finances have not gone unscathed because of the unavoidable small attendances at worship and reduced rental opportunities. Unfortunately our bills only increased and still need to be paid.

The Consistory is grateful for the continued financial support during this difficult time and the change that many of you have made by giving your offerings through the bank. However, the Consistory have taken the decision to relaunch the Stewardship Campaign. We are sure you will understand that the focus will continue to be on our financial security. The Annual Accounts are available on request from the Church Office.

So 3 years have passed  
and the Consistory invite you to

**3 ways to give**

**3 ways to help**

**3 ways to pray**



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## Stewardship Campaign 2022

The  
3  
Campaign



**"Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."**

(2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

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## ways to give

1. You can give by cash during the morning service through the open plate. It may be helpful to order envelopes that you can fill in each week and bring them with you to any, or all, services you attend. We are asking you to consider, if you are able, to increase your giving by €3 per week. Some of you will be able to exceed that amount but if you are finding that your finances are stretched at this time you should, without guilt, reduce what you give.
2. You could set up a weekly, monthly or annual bank transfer so that your offering is paid directly to the church bank account. This ensures your giving is regular and helps the Treasurer to plan ahead with confidence. The banking details are on the back page.

3. One-off financial gifts are always welcome and perhaps you might consider giving to the church on a special occasion, during a church fund raising event and, of course, contributing to the tea and coffee after the service.

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## ways to help

1. We are hoping to make our buildings fit for purpose for our own needs and attractive as a rental space for the wider community. Therefore, we need to redecorate our building throughout. One idea is that an individual, or a group, could sponsor a room and donate a gift for the refurbishment of that room. What practical help can you offer? Please let us know.
2. We need to improve what we can provide for example our technical facilities. We already

have Wi-Fi throughout the building with a guest login but other improvements can be made.

3. Finally we need to find ways to reduce our expenditure through cost cutting for example our heating needs, electrical use and making use of reusable products e.g., hand towels. Other small things we can do are, for example, remembering to switch off lights when you are last to leave the church buildings and to inform the church if your meeting is cancelled so the heating can be turned off.

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## things to pray

1. Pray that the Kingdom of God is at the forefront of what we do as a congregation.

**2.** Pray for the Consistory as they guide us through this time. Difficult challenges lay before us all not least the leadership of the SICR.

**3.** Pray for your congregation, the people you worship with, so that together we grow closer to God and to one another.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 'Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.'**