**GIVING FINANCIALLY**

There is (as at June 2022) about £2 million in the Development Fund, for which we give God our very grateful thanks. Assuming the total cost of the building project to be in the region of £4 million we need to raise a further £400,000 each year for the next 5 years.

**Regular gifts**

A promise to give a specific sum to the Development Fund regularly for a stated period will assist the PCC in forward planning. It would be particularly helpful if you could make a commitment to contribute financially for a specific period, ideally 5 years.

Regular gifts can be made by bank standing order. A standing order can be cancelled at any time if circumstances change. Standing order forms are available from the Giving Secretary, Chris Coutts.

**One-off gifts**

Gifts of money can be made immediately or pledged to be made on a particular date or on the occurrence of a specific event.

**How to donate**

Gifts can be made by cheque payable to “St Mildred’s Church Development Fund” or by direct bank transfer to account number 71835475 at HSBC Bank, 85 Lewisham High Street, London SE13 6BE, sort code 40-04-15. For gifts of loose change, small plastic cash boxes will continue to be available. Gifts can alternatively be made in cash in the collection plate in an envelope clearly marked “Development Fund”.

Whether you are 21 years old or 101, it is important to write a will. This provides an opportunity to consider a legacy to St Mildred’s. Further details will be provided soon to explain more about this.

**Gift Aid**

If you pay tax and sign a Gift Aid declaration, St Mildred's can reclaim 25p from the government’s "Gift Aid" scheme for every £1 that you give, turning your gift into £1.25 at no extra cost to you. The only requirement is that in the relevantfinancial year you have paid at least 25p in UK income or capital gains tax for every £1 that you give through Gift Aid.

If you pay tax at the higher rate of 40% or 45%, St Mildred’s can still claim Gift Aid tax relief at the basic rate, but you will be entitled to reclaim the difference between basic and higher rate tax on the sums given. If you are taxed in the 40% band and you wish to give £100, the best way to do so is to donate £133.33. You will then be able to claim £33.33 back through your tax return and St Mildred’s will be able to claim an additional £33.33 by way of Gift Aid. This makes a total gift to the Development Fund of £166.66.

**Commitment**

When you have decided what kind of commitment you can make to the building project, please complete the form on page 9, put it in a sealed envelope and bring it to church with you on Gift Day. Alternatively you can give your form to Chris Coutts at any time. All completed forms will be kept completely confidential. If you are unable to make or promise a gift of money at this time, please consider using the form to indicate your commitment to praying regularly for the building project.

**MY/OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ST MILDRED’S CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT**

**Name(s):** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….…

**Address:** ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..………………

**PRAYER**

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|  |  I/we commit to praying for the building project. |  |

 **TIME AND SKILLS**

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|  |  I/we wish to offer my/our time and skills to the project. |  |

 **REGULAR GIFTS TO ST MILDRED’S CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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|  |  | I promise to give the sum of £……………… monthly, commencing on ………………………….(date)and continuing until further notice/until ……………………………………….(date of last payment). [NB: it will be extremely helpful if you can commit to give regularly for a period of 5 years, to the middle of 2027. If this is not possible please specify a different period.] |
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|  |  | I have already set up a standing order for this regular payment. |
|  |  | OR: |
|  |  | Please provide me with the form that I need to set up a standing order. |
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**ONE-OFF GIFT(S) TO ST MILDRED’S CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND**

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|  |  | I enclose a cheque in the sum of £…………………………………. made payable to “St Mildred’s Church Development Fund” |
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|  |  | OR: |
|  |  | I have made/will make a direct bank transfer in the sum of £……………………………… |
|  |  | OR: |
|  |  | I promise to give a sum(s) as follows: |
|  |  | £…………………………………………….. on ………………………….…………………………………. (date/event)£…………………………………………….. on ………………………….…………………………………. (date/event)£…………………………………………….. on ………………………….…………………………………..(date/event) |

 **GIFT AID**

**If you are a UK tax payer and would like your donation to be Gift Aided, please tick the box below.**

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|  |  | Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made to St Mildred’s Church, Lee (including all payments made into the St Mildred’s Church Development Fund) in the past 4 years and in the future unless I notify you otherwise. I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of tax that all charities that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. |
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 **Signature:………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………**

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