



## Vision for Giving



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## **Vision for Giving - Giving for Growth: Resource Pack**

The Resource Pack for Vision for Giving contains materials which can be used in a local church setting to continue the thinking and challenge of Vision for Giving presentations (2008).

### **Section A: Vision**

Vision for God's work through the local church is the vital starting point, and John Kiddle's introduction 'Developing the Vision' (A1) highlights some very key aspects for our parishes. Vision for the Church, for the Kingdom and for the World will be inspirational for resourcing and giving to see that Vision develop.

Whilst our giving as individuals is limited, in joining together as God's people our giving can make a wonderful difference to God's work, and vision for what can be achieved is highlighted in A2 - 'Our Vision, Our Giving and the Local Church'.

There are ways of looking at our parishes to consider what can be seen as 'healthy' in terms of giving practice (A3), and these can be used as a starting point to consider practical approaches to strengthen how we can encourage giving to resource God's work (A4).

### **Section B: Study and Teaching material**

Further sheets provide materials to encourage Preaching (B1) and Praying (B2) in our churches. Inspiration and vision will be vital, and two means of building that inspiration and vision will be preaching and praying.

Further material for small group study (B3) provides something more than a superficial reminder to give to God's work.

'Giving in Grace' is a website providing a tremendous resource for Christian Giving, and an introductory sheet can be found at (B4). This website also contains information for work with children and young people, and some specific references are contained in sheet B5.

### **Section C: Some practical resource sheets**

A brief paper 'Organising the offering' at C1 introduces some options relating to practice for the offering within our services. C2 provides brief comments over how much we can consider giving to God's work.

Brief mention of Parish Share in the context of Diocesan ministry and mission is included at C3.

### **Section D: Further resources**

Some specific questions are highlighted in D1, together with short answers.

Further helpful web and book resources are listed at D2.

Diocesan staff ready to support parishes in Vision building, stewardship and Christian Giving, and wider aspects of parish ministry are shown at D3.

The materials contained in this pack are intended to encourage individual churches in developing local stewardship programmes. It is not planned that Vision for Giving should be followed through according to a strict timetable; it is hoped that those engaged in regular programmes will view these resources and incorporate helpful ideas in their next programme. For churches which have not embarked recently on a stewardship programme, the material here is designed to help in developing an initiative.