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Dear Friends,

### **Giving to Support the life of the Church**

You will remember that just as the Coronavirus broke out, I was preaching a series of sermons, gently introducing a proposed campaign asking you to look again at how you financially support the life and work of our church. The Coronavirus, and particularly the associated 'lockdown', has had a significantly detrimental effect on our finances. Our Treasurer had worked hard to present a balanced budget for 2020, but even without the current situation, that had involved making some sacrifices in our spending. Currently, we are 'loosing out' in a number of ways:

- Lost Revenue from Hall Bookings (c.£1,500 per month)
- Lost Revenue from Church Weddings and Funerals, as the local Church receives nothing for a funeral conducted at a Crematorium or Graveside (c.£1,000 per month)
- Loss of income from Gift Day (c.£9,500 in total)
- Loss of income from Rectory Fete, which will almost certainly be postponed (c.£6,000 in total)
- Lost income from Blue and White envelopes (c.£1,500 per month)

Like many other Charities and Businesses, we are going to have to seriously rethink our finances in post-Coronavirus world! There is no doubt that this world will in many ways be a different place, but one good thing, I believe, that will come from this, is that we will have learnt a lesson about the things that are really important – family, friends, faith and life itself! Our Church motto is that we are Caring, Sharing and Daring. It is time to be Daring, and there are a number of ways in which you can help us, some of which will involve a drastic rethinking of past values! Please take time to read the enclosed leaflet and respond in grace and love! In amongst change, there is one constant - God himself, who is the same yesterday, today and for ever! Blessed be the name of the Lord!

If you feel able to respond to this particular crisis, the first port of call for questions and answers is the Church Office, and you can contact Elise there on 01483 273620 or email her at [elise@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk](mailto:elise@stnicolascranleigh.org.uk) The problem is both a short-term one and an ongoing one. In the short-term, we have been given some interesting ideas! Most of us are saving money during this time . . . .

. . . . things like Petrol – hairdressers – eating out etc.

Why not think of donating the money that you would have spent on these things to help our church in this challenging time?

Yours, as ever,



Revd Roy Woodhams  
(Rector and Area Dean of Cranleigh)

