



St. Nicolas Newbury with St. Mary Speenhamland
Parochial Church Council

Policy approved by the PCC: Outreach giving principles

1 Introduction

At its meeting on 15th March 2010, the PCC approved this policy. It is due for review by 31st March 2013.

2 Approved principles for Outreach Giving

1. Outreach giving is defined as “**charitable giving in accordance with the stated objects of the PCC**” - these objects, as registered with the Charity Commission, are set out in an annex to this document.

This definition **excludes** Alpha and similar evangelistic activities in Newbury, whether organised by St Nicolas' alone or in co-operation with other local churches.

2. The proportion of income to be allocated to Outreach giving is 10%, in accordance with the Biblical principle of tithing.

3. The income of which 10% is allocated is the **unrestricted** money given to St Nicolas' (i.e. alms, offertories and stewardship) and the associated tax refund. For clarification, this **excludes** any other income, for example income with costs attached (e.g. for the women's and men's weekends), money given for specific purposes, such as work on the organ or the sound system, collections which are dedicated to other charities (e.g. the Christmas and Harvest collections) and any other income which the church may generate (e.g. income from rental or lettings).

For future years, the principles set out above will be applied when the budget is being developed, to define the Outreach allocation.

Annex Stated objects of the PCC

The stated objects of the PCC as recorded with the Charity Commission are defined in the approved governing document issued by the Church of England, the objects clause of which is:

“Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church”

The activities which we undertake to achieve these objects are:

- To provide regular public worship open to all;
- To provide sacred space for personal prayer and contemplation;
- To provide pastoral support, especially for the sick, infirm and bereaved;
- To teach Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups;
- To provide Christian support and education for children and young people;
- To promote the whole mission of the church through provision of activities for older people, parents and toddlers and other groups with special needs;
- To support other charities in the UK and overseas.

Under the heading of “How your charity operates”, we list:

- Makes grants to organisations;
- Makes grants to individuals;
- Provides buildings/facilities/open space;
- Provides services;
- Provides advocacy/advice/information.