



# PARISH OFFICE

## ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Elm Grove West Worthing BN11 5NQ

Vicar Fr. Tim Peskett

Dear electoral roll member,

### Parish finances during Covid-19

You will doubtless have heard mention in the news the problems charities are facing during these difficult times and how it is affecting what they are able to achieve using the much-reduced income they receive.

St John the Divine is a charity and is affected in exactly the same way as the large charities we hear about on the news. Since the start of lockdown our church and church hall have been closed leading to a much-reduced income. Sunday collections are, of course, non-existent and we have no rental income from our hall, a major source of income in normal times. Unfortunately, we still have to pay our bills! Luckily those who are signed up for planned giving have continued to donate using either standing orders or through the Parish Giving Scheme – **a big thank you to all those people**. We have, as you would expect, a major shortfall between our monthly income and expenditure and it is likely to be sometime before things return to normal.

You will have realised by now that this is a request for money.

If you are able please contribute something towards the continued life at St John's either by increasing your monthly donations or as a one-off donation. One-off donations may be made by cheque (made payable to St John's Church), to be dropped in the letter box at the parish office or posted to St John's, or by bank transfer (Account name: St John's Church, Sort code: 40-52-40, Account number: 00017431). Please indicate whether the donations made can be gift aided (only applicable to UK tax payers).

For those of you using the Parish Giving Scheme you are now able to change the amount you donate by calling 0333 002 1260 or e-mailing [info@parishgiving.org.uk](mailto:info@parishgiving.org.uk). If anyone wishes to join the Parish Giving scheme then these are also the means of doing so. You will need to quote the PGS Parish Code which is 10-1070149

I would also mention here that we have now become a recognised charity with Amazon smile. Using this section of Amazon when ordering goods from Amazon will entitle St John's to a donation from Amazon in direct proportion to the amount you have spent. You will have to nominate St John's to be the recipient of the donation for this to happen.

Stay safe in Christ

Chris Smith  
Treasurer