Salwarpe & Hindlip with Martin Hussingtree Parochial Church Council

Giving is Easy Campaign - April 2014

Together we can keep our two churches – St Michael's and All Angel's at Martin Hussingtree and St Michael's at Salwarpe – open and viable for all families and future generations.

Do you value our Churches?

Well, if you have read this far you must at least appreciate the magazine!
But seriously, the presence of our two churches mean different things to different people. It may be your place of worship or the focus for your key family milestones of baptisms, marriages and funerals but you don't have to be a regular member of the congregation to want to keep our churches viable and standing! They are a link with our history in beautiful locations where you can wander, sit and reflect. They are both listed buildings which have been part of our communities for over 1000 years and are here for everyone.

So we all want to keep our two churches – St Michael's and All Angel's at Martin Hussingtree and St Michael's at Salwarpe – open and providing regular services and ministry for all in the Parish. The problem is that since our last appeal in 2010 our regular running costs have increased by nearly £200 to £1080 per week. **Reason** Increased cost of Parish Share and the cost of energy for heating.

What can we do? Well we watch all costs very carefully and are already trialling ways of reducing our heating bill, but Parish Share increases inexorabl*y.*

What is Parish Share? This is the sum – currently £39,000 and due to increase - we are paying each year towards the salaries and pensions of our clergy and support for church schools and mission.

 Who pays for this? There is a small income from wedding and funeral fees and other income but the large majority is from regular giving by some 75 families without whom we would not survive and to whom we are deeply indebted and extremely grateful for their generosity. **But as you can see we need help from more of you - our readers and parishioners**

Well, what about the annual fete? Many of you support Salwarpe Fete and you will be pleased to know that the proceeds are entirely used for the repair and upkeep of our two church buildings over and above our normal running costs .

What is the shortfall? Currently £200 per week

How can you help? A donation however small will help enormously – either as a once off gift or as a regular donation . Details of how this can be done easily (and attracting Gift Aid at 25p in £1 where appropriate) are shown in the table overleaf from the page opposite and repeated with the appropriate automatic links on the "Giving is Easy " page on our website- www.shmhchurches.com

Thank you to our existing givers and supporters

This part of our message is to those 75 families or individuals who give regularly and generously to the costs of running our two churches and the parish. This regular support is so essential to keeping ministry alive in this parish and the PCC is deeply indebted to all of you who provide this ongoing support. Please accept our sincere thanks for your continued generosity

You will already have read that we need to raise a further £200 per week to make ends meet and wonder whether you may be able to dig a little deeper to help the parish. Any amount however small will be deeply appreciated

If you can see your way to increasing your giving this is easy which ever way you currently give and all you need to do is to either:

1. Just put the new amount in your Green Envelope

Or

2. Increase your bankers standing order through your own internet banking account -or download a bankers standing order form from the website www.shmhchurches.com – or e-mail the Treasurer for a bankers standing order form at johnhhughes@btinternet.com

Or

3. Increase the amount you put in the collection or white envelope at church services

Thank you all for taking time to read this appeal and we look forward to your ongoing support our churches

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