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STEWARDSHIP SEASON

Every congregation in the Church of Scotland has been instructed by the General Assembly to undertake a regular assessment of the stewardship of its resources. This means that we should consider how we use our time, talents and money in responding to God's goodness to us.

Our congregation, like many around the country, is struggling to keep up with rising costs and the Church of Scotland has recognised the need for every congregation to promote financial giving among its members.

The Kirk Session and Congregational Board have discussed how Ludgate Church should best carry out this instruction and have decided that we should set aside one month each year as our 'stewardship season'. This is to be February and in that month our services and other events will be based on considering how we already use and how we can make better use of our God-given resources.

This year we are beginning with the giving of money and each Sunday from 29th January we will be looking at different aspects of God's goodness to us and how our financial giving can help to do the work God has called our congregation, and the wider Church, to do.

As we all know from our household budget, costs continue to rise and this is also true for the church. There is little room to reduce expenditure and so we need to increase our income if we are to pay our way. That is why it is important that you read and consider prayerfully this letter and the accompanying leaflet.

On the last page of the 'Challenge to the Church' booklet, you will find the phrase 'give in a committed way – either by using offering envelopes or by setting up a standing order from our bank accounts ...'. It then goes on to mention the Gift Aid Declaration which we should all sign if we are tax payers and this is something that we would encourage you to do.

If you already have a standing order, when was the last time you changed the amount you give? A quick visit or note to your branch altering the amount you give each month is all that you need to do.

If you do not have offering envelopes and would like to give in this way and/or, if you are a tax payer and would like to sign a Gift Aid Declaration, then my contact details are listed at the foot of this note.

If you have envelopes, then please use them for all of your givings – even if it is only for a small amount as you do not like the collection bags to pass without dropping in some coins. If you are a tax payer and have signed a Gift Aid Declaration, then we are happy to accept these small amounts – they mount up for the whole congregation over the year and we can claim the tax back!

Thank you, once again for your generosity that you have shown in the past and I am sure will continue to show in the future, especially in these difficult times.

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