

My/Our Response:

I/we would like to

- ☐ **Start giving** regularly. I plan to give £.....each week/month for God's work through Townfield.
- ☐ **Increase my giving** from £.....each week/month to £..... each week/month for God's work through Townfield.
- ☐ As a tax payer, **join the Gift Aid scheme**, so that the tax I've already paid can be reclaimed.
- ☐ **Make a one-off donation** of £..... towards the ongoing work at Townfield.

Name:.....Signature:.....

Date:.....

I/we understand that I may revise or cancel my giving if I need to.

How I/we would like to give (Please tick all that apply)

- ☐ by Banker's **Standing Order**.
- ☐ by **weekly Envelopes**.
- ☐ by allowing the church to reclaim the tax I have already paid on my donations through **Gift Aid**
- ☐ I would like information about **remembering Townfield in my Will**.

Townfield will arrange for you to receive envelopes, forms & other information you'll need

Your details (we will only use this information in relation to your giving to Townfield)

Name(s).....

Address.....

Postcode.....

Phone:..... Mobile:.....

Email:.....

Please return to either the Parish office, the offering box at Townfield, or by email to treasurer@townfieldchurch.org.uk

Our Gifts to God

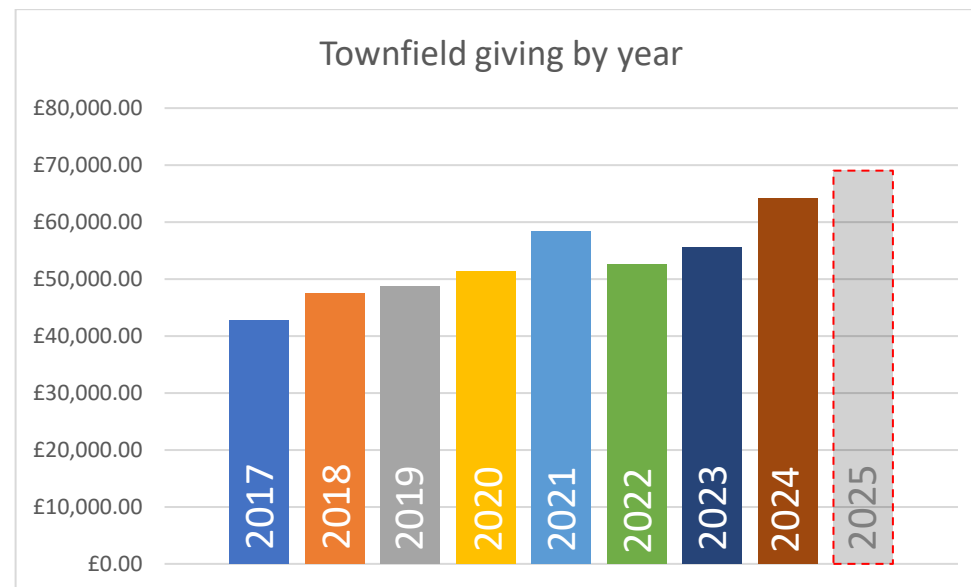


As we've been remembering on Sundays recently, our worship of God isn't just in the words we say or the songs we sing. It includes the whole of our lives, as we give to God, out of our talents, time and money.

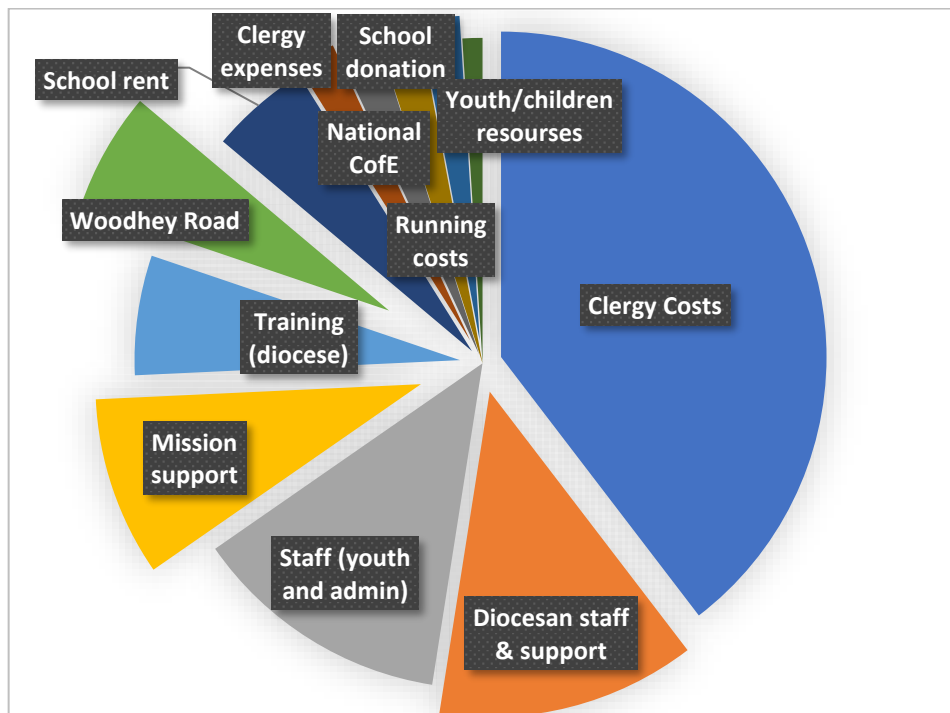
We've remembered how **Jesus gave himself completely for us**, and how we are called to begin to copy his example (Philippians 2.1-11). We've thought about how **our giving to God is priceless**, when we give it as an act of heart-felt worship, even if it feels too small to make a difference (Luke 21.1-4). And we've seen that our joyful and generous giving is a way of us **giving back to God**, out of God's generosity to us (2 Corinthians 9.6-15).

As well as being an important part of our worship, our giving is also an important way of enabling Townfield and St Andrew's to do what God has called us to.

And there's a big **thank you** here. If we look back over the last few years, we can see that the generous giving of Townfield members has grown almost every year since 2017:



You may have spotted that our aim for 2025 is to *continue* to increase our giving, not because we're planning lots of expensive new things (we're not!), but because we're still working to catch up with increased costs due to inflation in the last few years. As you can see below, we've not gone wild with the things we spent money on in 2024!



In 2024 it cost £70,804 to run Townfield:

- 40% was spent on clergy (stipends, pensions etc)
- 13% on Diocesan staff and support costs
- 13% on parish staff (youth and administrative)
- 9% went to support mission work around the world
- 6% was spent on training (including curates)
- 6% on the house on Woodhey Road
- 5% on renting the school hall
- 2% on clergy expenses
- 2% on national CofE costs
- 2% on general church running costs
- 2% on our regular support for the work of the school
- 1% on youth and children's resources

To enable us to continue serving God in all the ways we believe God has called us to, we are asking everyone at Townfield to join us in prayerfully considering whether you can help us increase our giving income by £4,185 (to a total of £69,000) in 2025.

That might feel like a huge target, but to put it into perspective, if our existing regular givers each increased their giving by £2 a week (that's a couple of fancy high street coffees a month) over a year, we would reach our target. And each new giver joining the planned giving scheme will help us reach the target even more quickly.



Some of us won't be in a position to give more this year, some of us will be able to manage a small increase, and some may be able to make a bigger increase. But could you join us in praying, to see if you are able to be part of our increased giving this year, and to pray that, as a church, we will discover God's resources for the things he is calling us to?

Financial help and advice:

Don't forget that free support and advice is available if money is a worry. A good local source of advice is Christians Against Poverty (0800 328 0006)