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Dear Church Member

Partnership Gift Day Sunday 8th October

For all those that have supported St John's in the past, I thank you for your financial support. [Here is a link](#) to the stewardship leaflet for 2023 prepared by Esther and the team. I encourage you to read it in full. While I am close to our finances, I still thought the messages hit home and gave me new things to pray about.

One point that many of you have mentioned to me is the very large number of funding requests we have made in the last year. There was the extra energy cost gift-day, multiple mission appeals, and many leaving gifts. I really believe all were appropriate, but there were indeed a fair few. And you, the parish, gave generously. Thank you. But the work remains: we nonetheless need your support for the next 12 months again.

So, what can you do? Please respond via [the linked response form](#). Please consider replying a few days before the 8th October Gift Day (or earlier). Our focus remains partnership. Without covering our basic costs we cannot do anything else anyway. But, as outlined in the leaflet, we also need to finish paying off the loans for our wonderful Easter Centre. Also, you may want to consider a gift to the hardship fund, an interest free loan, or a legacy gift to St John's. Please indicate if you'd like more information about these options.

A few admin things. Firstly, I wanted to thank Andrew Tebboth for his service to the partnership team. Next, if you give via our preferred method, the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), you can log on directly and view and edit your giving. All you need is the email you used when you first joined. But I understand that remembering another web site and password is a chore. This is not required, just an option. They are equally helpful on the phone. Note that PGS also accepts one-off gifts now. As shared separately, although PGS is strongly our preferred method, we welcome payroll giving, standing orders and cash or cheque giving as well. If you need support in any way, or you have a question on how something works, Andrew or I will gladly answer or seek the answer you need.

We will be responding personally to all Gift Day responses, and we will be providing an update on the response to the Gift Day later in the season. Of course, your individual response will not be shared outside the partnership secretary and associate secretary.

Once again, thank you for your faithful support of God's work at St John's.

Yours in Christ,

Phil Johnson, Partnership Secretary