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Dear St John's family,

Re: Gift Day 2023

While we have thanked many of you individually, we wanted to extend a 'thank you' on behalf of the PCC for your generous response to Gift Day 2023. The numbers below somewhat mask the individual stories: there is generous and sacrificial giving from those who have had a tough year and are giving less. And there is generous and sacrificial giving from those that have had a great year and are giving more. And there are quiet but regular givers who have supported God's work in Egham for dozens (and dozens) of years.

The result of your giving is all around us. Our outreach to the community, our fellowship activities, and our overall work spreading the Good News in Egham – and across the world - is better than ever. Your gifts have made a difference.

It is very encouraging that we have 5 new individuals or families joining as partners and 3 as Easter Centre partners because of gift day. And others have increased their regular giving. We also had 16 one-off gifts to partnership, the Easter Centre or the HS&WB fund.

So, what are the results? Here are the facts:

	Pledged monthly increase.	One-off Gifts	
Partnership	£730.00	£9,250.00	
Easter Centre	£125.00	£26,750.00	
Hardship & Wellbeing		£800.00	
Total Gifts per annum	£10,260	£36,800	£47,060.00

All numbers include Gift Aid where applicable.

The gifts to the Easter Centre and the regular and pledged new giving means the end is in sight. Our outstanding debt is now 'only' £882,000. (For those that don't know, it was about £6,000,000).

However, there is some difficult news as well. Due to people moving away, retiring, change in circumstances and some deaths, we have fewer partners today than a year ago. And so, there have been reductions in giving *during* the year. It is normal that new givers give less than long time givers. So, the while the season has been a welcome boost, the total partnership giving is down compared to 12 months ago. (Now at £22,566/mo, down £1,275). This means we have significant challenges meeting the demands of our budget for 2024 - particularly taking into account inflation. For example, our fuel bills have increased by about £25 000pa. There are similar increases in in other costs such as insurance. While celebrating a great response and great generosity, we would like to ask for your prayers that God provides for all that we need for the coming year.

As always if you have any questions on partnership giving, or need help with the Parish Giving Scheme, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards

Phil Johnson
 Partnership Secretary

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 Associate Partnership Secretary