

***Parish Church of St Augustine***  
***145 Legsby Avenue, GRIMSBY DN32 0LA***

16<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parishioner,

The churchwardens and PCC are sending you this letter regarding a subject which is always a delicate matter.

No doubt many of you are aware that the way the church is to be financed in the future is changing. The PCC values your current support but is now asking you to consider your level of giving. The sacrifice that you make will do much to secure the future of St Augustine's Church, which is a hub of our community.

As a parish, we now have to commit to giving a specified annual amount for the next five years. The amount we give will determine how many times we can have a priest to celebrate our Eucharistic Mass. In addition, and to put it bluntly, it also determines whether we, as a church, can survive and remain as a place of worship.

This is not a demand but a plea to ask yourself what does St Augustine's mean to you and how would your life be impacted if St Augustine's wasn't there?

We fully understand that there is never a good time to ask people to dig deeper into their pockets but if every member of the church increased their giving by £2 per week, this would make an enormous difference. Some of you may find this difficult, but some may be able to give more.

We ask you to consider what small change can you make on a weekly basis to generate a little bit more income for the church?

As a Forward in Faith Anglo-Catholic church, St Augustine's is unique in this locality. In addition to our style of worship and beliefs, we have an active congregation, a valued, quality musical tradition and a 'Friends' association that promotes music and young artists, in addition to bringing new people into the church and consequently raises extra funds for the church building.

Hopefully, it is not too late! Please take the time to consider the above and with a bit of extra commitment between us, we pray that we can achieve the amount required to maintain the high standard of Christian worship that we enjoy and currently take for granted, in this special and extraordinary building.

Kind regards,

Chris Wade and Derek Buten (Churchwardens)  
On behalf of St Augustine's PCC