



**St Mary's Eaton Socon**

**THE CHURCH ON THE GREEN**

**Church Weekly News**  
**23 October 2020**

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Dear all,

**Time, Talents & Treasure** – God has given these good gifts in different measures to all of us without exception – in response we are called to use them wisely to bring glory and honour to Him, and to further His Kingdom here on earth.

Time and Talents are often the easier to give of, because the outcomes are visible and tangible – we can see the difference these make, for example, the recent Groundforce Morning when a large group of people gathered to tidy the churchyard (fuelled by Bacon Rolls!) – thank-you to all who participated in this.

Sharing our Treasure (our financial resources), on the other hand, can be more challenging. The Bible talks about giving a Tithe – 10% of our Treasure to God, to help resource His work. This should be the first 10% of everything He entrusts us with – not of what's left over. Believe it or not, this is possible!

In addition to our 'Treasure Tithe', there will be times when the Holy Spirit will prompt us to give even more, according to the needs that surround us – this is called Generous Giving!

As the current global Covid-19 crisis deepens, we are seeing many people's needs increase. As a church, we are on the Frontline of offering care and help of various kinds – help that needs 'Treasure resourcing'!

What Treasure could you give St Mary's either as new or increased regular giving or as a one-off gift at this Sunday's Gift Day?

## Church News:

- **Families Event - Save the date!**

To all families - please keep **Sunday 15 Nov at 3.30pm** free in your diaries. We are planning the first of a series of special socially distanced Family Events in Church (Messy Church style). Each family will be in a bubble around the church - tickets will be limited. Watch out for more information coming soon.

- **Operation Christmas Child – Christmas Shoeboxes**

Christmas Shoeboxes are needed more than ever this year and can be gifted in two ways:

1. Pack **your own** Shoebox and bring to Church by **Sunday 8 November**. *If packing your own shoeboxes, please ensure they reach us by this date as we are unable to forward them if they arrive late!*

2. Pack a Shoebox **Online** costing £20 [by clicking here.](#)

- **Gift Day**

This Sunday is our annual Gift Day when we trust God to supply what we need to fully resource this year's ministry and pledge our support for 2021's ministry – what will your response be?

- **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October Service**

To book your place at this Sunday's service, [please click here.](#)

Under Aslan's paw,

Tim

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