

ST MARY'S CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2021

QR CODE FOR SUPPORTING ST MARY'S CHURCH

Some of you who attended the St Mary's Carol Service on 20th December will have noticed a new way of giving to help those who would rather not handle money. At Christmas time, we usually receive an increase in donations which helps us support our chosen charities, maintain our lovely church and continue all that we do. This year, we decided to put our services online over Christmas and therefore people who would usually give have been unable to do so (we continue to up-load a service to Facebook and YouTube each week).

If you feel that you would like to contribute, no matter how much, please could we ask you to use the QR code below or contact balcombe.stmarys@gmail.com for our bank account details if you would prefer to make a direct transfer.

We very much value the support from the Balcombe community and would like to say thank you for all your help – through financial giving, supporting our events and assisting us on our Church and Churchyard tidy days.

How to use your smartphone to read a QR code

Many Apple and Android devices do not need a special QR code reader.

1. Open your phone camera
2. Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder and you see a notification with a link to the 'dc.thygs.net' page
3. Don't take a picture but click on the notification on your screen which will take you directly to our giving page.

If this does not work, you may find a QR code reader in your phone settings or you may have an app on your phone.

Thank you



FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

For many years we have helped Family Support Work with food and clothes donations. The organisation helps families in Sussex overcome difficulties and prevent crisis. They support those struggling with issues such as poverty, ill health, learning difficulties, bereavement, family break up and domestic abuse.

If you feel that you would like to make a donation, please send a cheque (made payable to CDAFSW), to Family Support Work, Garton House, 22 Stanford Avenue, Brighton BN1 6AA and quote 'as requested by St Mary's, Balcombe'.

THE EASTER TEAM

We also support the Easter Team in Crawley. The Team provides essential support distributing food parcels and helping those in need with, for example, top ups on gas and electricity cards. We are delighted that the Balcombe food collection is being directed to the Easter Team. If you wish to make a financial donation, their bank details are as follows:
Bank: Santander Re A&L 5, A/C name: The Easter Team
Sort code: 09-01-55, A/C 85435189.

Thank you for your support.

A Thank You to Fr Keith

The Churchwardens and PCC of St Mary's Church would like to thank Fr Keith for all his hard work during a very challenging year. Although the role of Rector is part-time, he has supported many locally, kept services running (moving to online recordings when we closed for public worship), written thought-provoking letters and amongst many other tasks, continued to help us all feel grounded during this difficult time. We are very grateful and look forward to being able to worship in our beautiful church - together - in the not-too-distant future!