



It is through working together as a team that we will achieve our goal



with hearts on fire for Jesus

If you would like to discuss anything in this document further, then one of the Trustees would be pleased to talk to you.



Riches In Heaven

Matthew 6 v19-21

West Suffolk Vineyard Church has been established in Bury St Edmunds for 11 years and during that time the church has grown. As we discern God's will for the future, we feel that it is right that the church commits itself to reach out to our community in new ways, sharing the love of Jesus and touching the hearts of many more people in this region.

We want to be totally committed to a sense of meeting our community where they are and using our collective time, energy and resources to that end.

As we wish to change people's hearts in West Suffolk and to provide resources throughout East Anglia to other Vineyard churches, providing for our own needs with enough to spare is a priority for us.



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Meeting our objectives

West Suffolk Vineyard Church, like all charitable organisations, needs to have substantial resources of time, energy and money available to enable us to meet our objectives. We are not an organisation with historic or centralised resources and therefore we rely entirely on those who choose to call this church their home to provide for its mission and activities.

This is a costly thing in lots of ways; however we truly believe that this is what we are all called to do. Our earnest desire is to meet our objectives and not to see the role of our church hampered by insufficient resources to fulfil our vision.

What do we need?

- a shared sense of vision and purpose
- a church community which is constantly looking outwards rather than inwards
- enthusiastic and willing volunteers and helpers
- effective, diligent and committed leaders
- a collective willingness to constantly evolve and change
- people who are totally committed to cheerfully and sacrificially investing in the church's vision

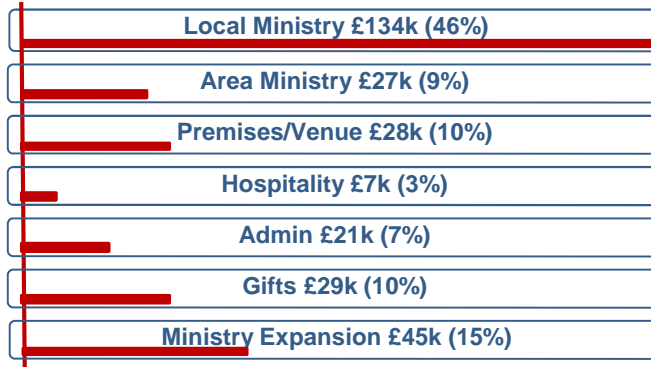
Where are we now?

With the church at its current size, we believe we realistically need an income in the region of £300,000 per year to fulfil the vision to which the Lord has called us.

Whilst this amount is actually more than 50% higher than our current income, the Trustees believe that this is a realistic goal and that we should seek to achieve this in the short term. If the church is to continue to grow, then our resources need to grow faster since our challenge is to reach those who are unchurched.

As we all provide the resources that the church needs this is both a challenge and an opportunity to fulfil what the Bible calls us to experience — not only to give but to receive back from the Lord in different ways a *'good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over'* (Luke 6:38).

This income is the actual minimum amount we feel is necessary to usher in our vision for the next 5 years:



To change the world, it's good to dream big dreams and take small but precise steps along the path to achieving our goal.

Whilst we truly believe that we live by faith, we also believe that we are all drawn here to fulfil God's purpose through this church and that our collective resources can provide the church with an abundance of resources to *'go and make disciples'* (Matt 28:19).

First steps

First it is helpful to ask ourselves a series of questions:

Are we thankful people, acknowledging God's grace to us, and do we long to see our church and other churches grow?

What price would we pay to see that happen? Do we:

- Give regularly
- Give a percentage of our income
- Gift-aid our giving

Many of us have answered positively each of these questions and approximately 50% of those who would call this church their home do give in the ways outlined above.

We may then ask ourselves some further questions:

- Why do I give? Is it through custom or duty or do I want to invest in changing the world?
- Can my giving make a difference?
- When I work out my family budget is my giving calculated first or last in my list of expenditures?

- Do I give sacrificially; living more simply than my income would enable me to do, allowing me to give away a greater proportion of what I have?
- What effect would it have on me, and what effect would it have on the church, if I significantly increased my giving?

No-one will ever challenge us individually on these issues, but it is for everyone to prayerfully consider these questions and to act accordingly to discern how they are felt led.

How might we achieve our goal?

A way of considering how an income of at least £300,000 could be achieved is as follows:

Current income:

Regular giving (gift-aided):	£125,000
One-off gifts (gift-aided):	£15,000
Tax refund through gift-aid:	£35,000
Offerings (Sunday buckets, no gift-aid):	£18,000
Total	£193,000

Additional giving that would take us to our target:

100 people who already give regularly contribute an additional £5 per week:	£26,000
50 additional people become regular givers at the previous average rate of £23.25 per week:	£60,450
Gift-aid claimed from the above:	£21,612
Total	£108,062

Are you able to help us?

Please see the Stewardship materials that go along with this leaflet and after prayerful thought consider helping us to increase the resources of our church. If, as a church, we wish to impact the community in which we live and want to see people's lives changed, then resources need to be provided. Let's remember that Jesus will bless and multiply our gift and, if we all play our part and we trust in him, he will bring us an abundance of resources. In this we **have faith** that we will be provided for as individuals, families and as a church community together.

Chris Walling (*On behalf of the Trustees of WSVC*)
Summer 2011

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Supporting
the ministry of
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This leaflet explains how you can join with Stewardship to support a wide range of Christian charitable endeavours.

This service is carried out by Stewardship, as part of our mission to encourage good stewardship, the responsible management of funds and the release of giving to advance the work of God.

If you have any questions not addressed inside, do contact the person who gave or sent you this form.

How does it work?

We have assessed this church as being eligible for funding from Stewardship. You can make gifts into an account with Stewardship on which we reclaim tax worth around 25% under Gift Aid (providing you are a UK taxpayer). We make regular payments to this church, having considered the gifts received from supporters such as yourself.

Can anyone do it?

You need to be a taxpayer and pay enough income tax (at whatever rate) or capital gains tax in each tax year to cover the tax reclaimed on your giving. If you are not a taxpayer, you may still make non gift aided donations using an account with

Stewardship and no tax will be reclaimed on your giving. If you wish to make non gift aided donations, please do not sign the declaration on the application form and clearly indicate that we should administer your giving as non gift aided.

Is there any charge?

There is no direct cost to you. Stewardship retains 3% of the total gift from the reclaimed tax, before sending the rest of the tax to the church we support. However, for non gift aided donations, Stewardship will retain just 1.5% of the gift amount. A minimum deduction of £5 applies to all single gifts.

What are my obligations?

There is no legal commitment to continue. If for any reason you need to stop, you can.

What if I am a higher rate taxpayer?

There's good news for you! Higher rate taxpayers receive extra relief claimed through their tax return.

What else should I know?

Your donations should not be based on the tax paid by another person (eg husband or wife) but by you personally.

How do I start?

1. Complete the application form and Direct Debit instruction.
2. Detach and keep the Direct Debit Guarantee.

If you cease to be a tax payer or to pay enough tax, you should notify Stewardship so that we do not reclaim too much tax on your giving.

You will be liable to refund HM Revenue & Customs if you have not paid the amount in tax that we will reclaim on your gift.

Funds in Sovereign Accounts belong to Stewardship. Charitable funds can only be used for charitable purposes, Stewardship therefore retains discretion in relation to any gifts we make.

3. Please make any cheques payable to Stewardship.
4. Post the form to: **Stewardship, Freepost (EDO 5086), Loughton, Essex IG10 3BR**

Instructions to your Bank or Building Society to pay Direct Debits

Name & address of your Bank/Building Soc

To _____ Bank/Building Soc

Postcode _____

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

Bank/Building Society account Number

Branch Sort Code

Banks and Building Societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account

Date: _____

Service User Number

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Ref Number - office use only

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Instruction to your Bank/Building Society

Please pay Stewardship Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit guarantee. I understand this instruction may remain with Stewardship and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.

Signature(s) _____

Print Name(s): _____

SEND TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS, NOT YOUR BANK/BUILDING SOCIETY

Stewardship's fund for: West Suffolk Vineyard Church

Your personal details

Surname _____ Title _____

Forenames _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Daytime Tel _____

Email _____

Stewardship will communicate with you by email unless otherwise specified here. Please use post.

Do you already have an account with us? No Yes, Account No: _____

For a regular gift

Frequency and amount

Choose day of month for payment collection:

Monthly Quarterly Annually _____ e.g. 15th

£ _____ / _____ (Min: £25) (Min: £100) / _____

First payment date (allow at least 3 weeks): _____ / _____ / _____

For a single gift

Single gifts of £30 or more I wish to make a single donation of :

£ _____ (min. £30) and enclose my cheque payable to STEWARDSHIP

This donation should be regarded as

A non gift aided gift If non gift aided gifts are made, please do not sign the Gift Aid Declaration.

An anonymous gift

Gift Aid Declaration for tax reclaim purposes

I declare my intention that tax be recovered under each tax year to cover the amount of tax that the Gift Aid Scheme on all donations I make to Stewardship will reclaim on my giving.

Stewardship for the last six years and future gifts

until further notice. I understand that I need to pay Signed: _____

enough UK income tax or capital gains tax in

Date: _____ Ref: 20033426

The Direct Debit Guarantee

Please keep this and return rest of form above

This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that take part in the Direct Debit Scheme. The efficiency and security of the scheme is monitored and protected by your own Bank or Building Society.

If the amounts to be paid or the payment dates change, Stewardship will notify you at least 5 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed.

If an error is made by Stewardship or by your Bank or Building Society, you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund from your branch of the amount paid.

You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by writing to your Bank or Building Society. Please also send a copy of your letter to us.

