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Dear friends

Our recent Stewardship Campaign

Thank God and thank you, the St Peter's family, for responding in such a wonderfully generous way to our Stewardship Campaign, which was held during the difficult and uncertain times that we've been through and continue to navigate.

For many reasons we found our finances were in trouble. We prayed about how we should respond while at the same time sustaining our ongoing ministry and mission. Because of the highly effective work staff were doing, we did not go down the route of furloughing them. We continue to be hugely blessed by all they do alongside very committed volunteers.

Having been reminded of Jesus and St Paul's very direct words about offering our time, talent and treasure to God for his service, we made the decision to appeal to you all. We asked Rev Steve Pierce, Director of Learning and Stewardship in the Diocese, to help us and a small dedicated team put everything together in a comparatively short time because of the urgency of addressing our diminishing resources during the pandemic. Thank you to Steve and that team from St Peter's.

During the worst of times to make an appeal, the best of results came from you all.

The summary results

One off donations - £29,050 (excluding Gift Aid)

Increase in PGS - £11,595 (annual effect – this comes from 5 new givers and 36 existing givers)

Increase in CAF - £2,080 (based on July/Aug 2020 v July/Aug 2021)

Thank you again for your extraordinary generosity and for all your ongoing giving.

Legacies

It is important to add that year by year, in addition to the Planned Giving Scheme (PGS) and generous one off donations, we are hugely helped by legacies. This often enables us to pay for significant building work. For example, a recent legacy helped us pay for the repair to the lych-gate.

A reminder that if you would like to know more about leaving money to St Peter's in your will, making a one off donation or joining the Planned Giving Scheme, you can go to our website.

The link is here: <https://www.stpeters-woolton.org.uk/give-financially/>

Finally, thank you, thank you for excelling in the 'grace of giving'. (2 Corinthians 8.1-6)

God bless

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