

BREAKING NEWS



Leeds Diocese Takes Part in latest PGS Online Developments

This diocese is participating in a 'live pilot' to introduce donors to a new online method for setting up regular giving via the Parish Giving Scheme website.

Four other dioceses, who are also members of the PGS, will be involved in the pilot too - Hereford, Liverpool, Oxford and St Edmundsbury & Ipswich.

The purpose of the pilot is to manage the introduction of this new service in smaller numbers to begin with, to learn from the experiences of those involved in the pilot, so that the PGS can make any improvements and adjustments before rolling out the online service to all registered parishes.

In this diocese, we are inviting 10 of our registered parishes to join in the pilot. These parishes have already kindly helped with a recent phase of website testing, and we - and the PGS team - very much appreciate their input on behalf of all our parishes.

Everyone directly involved in the pilot will be receiving specific communications to explain how they can take part and how to invite new donors to use the site. We will be circulating this guidance and supporting communication materials before Christmas, so that parishes involved in the pilot can make their preparations and start using the new service as soon as they wish - whether that is over the holidays or early in the New Year.

The pilot will run until March, by which point the guidance and communication materials will have been provided to all our registered parishes, so that everyone can benefit from the online services.

While the pilot is focused on the new functionality for donors using the website, there are also some enhanced services for parishes. All our PGS Statement Receivers - regardless of whether your parish is participating in the pilot - will experience these improvements straight away. Statement Receivers will hear about these changes directly from the PGS team.

If you are not involved in the pilot, we ask for your patience and to refrain from directing donors to the site - just so that the PGS team can learn from the pilot and ensure a smooth roll out to everyone in the Spring. In the meantime, please still encourage donors to make use of the PGS phone service or the paper forms. We're pleased to reassure you that these methods will continue alongside the addition of online giving, so that donors can choose the method they are most comfortable using.

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