

Response Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I enclose a gift of £ _____ towards the

Roof/Sound System *(please delete as appropriate)*

Cheques payable to St.Peter in Eastgate PCC

Gift Aid Declaration

This declaration relates to all donations made by me to St Peter in Eastgate Church, Lincoln (unless specifically notified otherwise) and operates from the date below. It remains in force until I give notice to cancel. My donations are to be treated as Gift Aid and I want St Peter in Eastgate Church to recover tax on these donations.

Signed _____

Date _____

I would like details of how I can give regularly by Standing Order/Envelopes

Charity No113260.

The Treasurer, St.Peter in Eastgate Church, Eastgate,

Lincoln, LN2 4AA 01522 546226

How can I help?

Our Target

Roof works Shortfall	£29,000
Sound System	£9,000

Total	£38,000
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If we could make a start on these sums over Advent and Christmas that would be a huge encouragement and help to ensure that the day to day ministry of St.Peter's is unaffected.

Make a One-Off Gift

Here are some examples of how you can help:

20 people giving £1,000	=	£20,000
20 people giving £500	=	£10,000
50 people giving £100	=	£5,000
60 people giving £50	=	£3,000
	=	£38,000

Commit to supporting St.Peter's on a weekly or monthly basis?

The best way of helping the ministry and mission of St.Peter's and St.Peter's in the Pub is by becoming a regular supporter.

This can be done by Standing Order or by the envelope system. Please speak to Tony Link our Treasurer (595802) or Anne Grant our Stewardship Secretary for details.

If you are a UK Taxpayer, may we also encourage you to complete the Gift Aid Declaration.

Please pray about how you could respond.

Advent Appeal

2011

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in eastgate
in the pub
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Introduction

The tradition of giving and receiving gifts at Christmas stems from the belief that in His Son Jesus Christ, God has given us the greatest gift we could ever receive. In acknowledgment of that we give gifts to those who are near and dear to us. We model ourselves, if you like, on God Almighty the ultimate gift-giver.

Now, when we are given a gift it's usual to give another gift in return. But how does that work with God? In Christ he offers us forgiveness, peace, a listening ear and a guiding hand. In uncertain times, the gift of work is also something for which we can give thanks. Christmas carols remind us that the shepherds brought a lamb and the wise men their much more expensive gifts. In other words, we are encouraged to offer what we can.

It's with that spirit that we hope we can all respond to this year's Advent Appeal. Our focus is on making good our church building which previous generations built for us to gather and worship together in. Our task is to do the same for those who follow after us. The builders are in, the emergency work on the roof has begun and the work will take several months to complete.

The appeal will continue up until **Epiphany Sunday**, January 8th. We are hoping that most of the congregation will be able to return their response forms before or during the services on that day.

*Edward, Nick, Richard, Carol, Mark, Alistair
Clergy and Churchwardens*

Urgent Roof Repairs

Following a regular inspection, our architect's report revealed the need for extensive work on the roof and guttering to stop the rain coming inside the building.

As a result:

- the organ's mechanism is being damaged;
- the nave roof is leaking and paint peeling off;
- the side rooms' roof leaks in heavy rain;
- damp is seeping through the side room walls and the west end windows;
- pigeons are getting into the roof space
- stolen lead from the vestry roof and the bell rope needs replacing
- some gutters need replacing and upgrading

In order not to make matters worse the PCC have authorised the works to begin now before the worst of the winter sets in.

The Church Council tries to anticipate costs of this nature and over the last few years has built up a Fabric Fund which currently stands at just over £29,000. Unfortunately, however, this falls well short of the actual costs which will be nearer £58,000, leaving a shortfall of **£29,000**. Grants from external sources are also not available at this time.



Sound System

Depending on how good our hearing is or where we sit or how we use St.Peter's, our experience of the church's sound system may vary enormously. The current system is coming to the end of its life and needs replacing.

Problems with the current system:

- amplifier burnt out through over use;
- borrowed amplifier unable to power sound throughout the side rooms;
- crackling;
- picks up local radio stations;
- designed for spoken voice only not for singers and musicians;
- quieter instruments are often not heard;
- varies in quality from week to week

Advantages of a new system:

- deals with the problems of the current system;
- new digital mixing desk allowing variable settings for different services and occasions to be programmed in advance
- allows all our musicians and singers to be heard;
- enables us to use existing speakers

A small team were tasked by the Church Council to look into the cost of an updated sound system. By doing some of the cabling work ourselves and using existing equipment where we can, the cost was brought down from £17,000 to **£9,000**. While the roof works take priority, the Church Council wanted to bring this extra cost before the whole congregation as we do not, at present, have the funds available.