

Our Finances

It costs over £648 each day which amounts to more than £4,500 a week to keep St Stephen Walbrook open and to provide events and activities for the bustling City around us. As a Grade one listed building, the church is expensive to maintain. We receive no grants from the Government or other sources but greatly appreciate the financial donations made by some businesses in the Parish. To continue and develop all the activities we currently provide for individuals, businesses and other organisations in the City, we need an additional £30,000 each year.

Time, Talents and Treasure

Each of us has time, talents and treasure which could be given out of gratitude and to help this church. Will you help in some way? How much time have we got? We don't know, so we must use it all wisely. Each of us has special qualities, skills and talents. Could your talents be used for the work of St Stephen Walbrook?

Could you offer your time and talents for tasks such as administration, bell ringing, cleaning, counting collections, hospitality (special events and/or Thursday Eucharist or Weds Evensong), IT, leading prayers, London Internet Church, marketing, PCC membership, preparing invitations, publicity, reading the Bible in services, being a sidesperson (welcoming others to services), taking photography or help with organising events.

Giving financially to church is a practical act of support for St Stephen Walbrook. Could you:

- Begin **giving** or **review** what you already give and increase it if you can (even a small increase adds up over a year)
- Join the national **Parish Giving Scheme** which allows St Stephen Walbrook to improve cashflow from its donations and reduces the amount of administration that is needed in making Gift Aid claims. Through this Scheme you give to the PCC by **Direct Debit** and can, if you wish, increase your giving by inflation each year. You sign a declaration so that Gift Aid is automatically added to the amount you give.
- Join the planned giving scheme by making a commitment to give by **standing order**. A standing order enables St Stephen Walbrook to plan and means the cost of our ministry is supported, whether you can be in church or not.
- Signing a **Gift Aid** form if you pay tax. Donations under Gift Aid are worth 25p more for every £1 given.
- Leaving a gift in your **will** to support the future of St Stephen Walbrook.

Thank you for all that you already give to St Stephen Walbrook. Please think and pray about what and how you can give and return the forms inside to the church office:

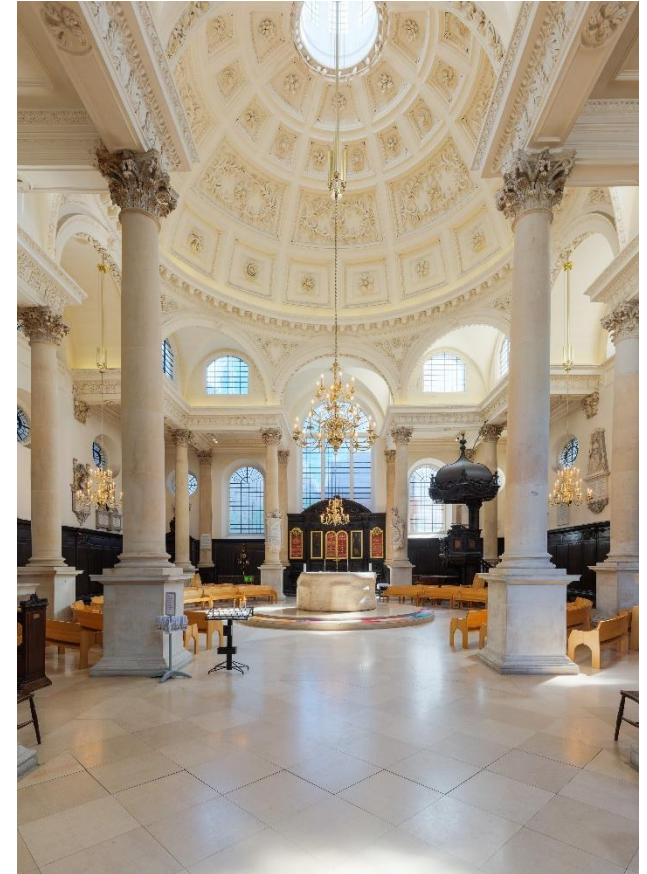
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A Grateful Heart

Support for St Stephen Walbrook



***Thou that hast given so much to me,
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.***

(George Herbert, *Gratefulness*)

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Symbols of work placed on our altar for the Business Harvest Festival

George Herbert said 'Thou that hast given so much to me, Give one thing more, a grateful heart.' That's our prayer for our giving campaign.

What is there about St Stephen Walbrook for which gratitude might be expressed?

- You may value the architectural perfection of this Wren masterpiece and want to see that maintained.
- You may appreciate the heritage of this unique building and wish its history to be more widely known.
- You may be grateful for Samaritans, which was founded here.
- You may find a refuge from the busyness of the City in the calm of St Stephen Walbrook and wish the peace of the space to remain open to all.
- You may attend the many cultural events (such as recitals and art exhibitions)

organised and wish to further the opportunities for enjoyment and stimulation these provide.

- You may be grateful for opportunities to celebrate life in the City through baptisms, weddings, memorials and celebrations of diversity and the Mayoralty.
- You may find that our early morning reflections set you up for the rest of the day and want to share that benefit with others.
- You may value the community which meets at St Stephen Walbrook and wish to see others join.
- You may come to St Stephen Walbrook through your Livery Company and want to maintain the historic role of churches in the City.
- You may attend services and pray for the mission of this church in the heart of the City to continue and develop.



The Lord Mayor appointed as an Honorary Churchwarden

Any or all of these could be a reason for gratitude, while you may also appreciate St Stephen Walbrook for other reasons altogether.

Gratitude is the first fruit of humility and is a response to all that we value about St Stephen Walbrook, which ultimately, we believe, derives from God. In 2 Corinthians 9: 7 we read, "You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly."

Giving to our church is a tangible, faithful, and accountable way in which we demonstrate our gratitude for all that this church is and can be in the City of London. Of course there are lots of other good causes; but giving to this church is about supporting important parish facilities which benefit all those who work in or visit the City of London.

Revd Stephen Baxter
Priest-in-charge, St Stephen Walbrook

*Not thankful, when it pleaseth me;
As if thy blessings had spare days:
But such a heart, whose pulse may be
Thy praise
(George Herbert, Gratefulness)*

