



Gift Day 2024 – Sunday 18th February 2024

Why?

In his recent Treasurer report, Phil Ledgard detailed the planned project being led by our Green Group and the Resources Committee to have two solar powered electricity batteries installed in Stratford church.

Currently we have secured 75% of the £21,000 project cost from grant applications. We now need to make a request of our Stratford membership to consider contributing towards the remaining 25% of funding required, via a Gift Day.

The target is to raise around £5,000.

What?

These solar batteries will mean we can safely store electricity that we produce from our solar panels and then when required use this stored electricity.

Estimates suggest that by reducing the electricity drawn from the National Grid we will save over £25,000 of utility cost over the next 10 years. In addition the efficient use of the electricity produced by our solar panels equates to a massive 3,000kg of CO2 emission saving per annum, increasing our credentials of being an Eco-church.

That is a great financial saving, but at this time we do not currently have sufficient cash reserves to purchase these batteries without your help on this Gift Day.

How?

We as a membership need to raise the final £5,000 to add to the grants secured already.

Therefore we are holding a Gift Day on Sunday February 18th when we hope that many of you will be willing and able to give one-off contributions towards this target. For every £1 you donate, the Church will benefit by £5 over the next 10 years making this a very effective and sustainable way of helping the Church financially.

Please make your contributions either by bank transfer (**HSBC bank; Sort code: 40-43-19; Account number: 60785466; with the reference “Gift Day 2024”**) or to Phil or a Church Steward (in an envelope marked “Gift Day”).

Remember if you are a tax payer we will be able to claim Gift Aid as per your normal giving which will increase the value of your contribution.

Contributions can be made beforehand or afterwards, just so long as we know that your contributions are for the Gift Day 2024.

If you have any related questions, please feel free to find Phil or a Church Steward on a Sunday morning, or email our Treasurer at phil.ledgard@btinternet.com.