AN INVITATION
to reflect on how you value our Cathedral and to review your financial commitment to its ministry and mission.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

It is a great privilege to be entrusted with the care, in this generation, of Winchester Cathedral. The soaring beauty of this holy place built to God’s glory, and the stories contained within its stones, are a great and lasting treasure. Above all, the gospel message of God’s love for us in Christ is embodied here and lived out each day.

I am honoured to share with you, the Cathedral Community, the task of living out this message of God’s love for the world today. This is an exciting time in cathedral ministry. The awe-inspiring spiritual space and depth of worship in cathedrals is speaking to increasing numbers of people of profound truths that they long for in their lives.

So I am inviting you to give thanks for all that God has done for you, and then to reflect with a grateful heart on how you may be able to give financial support to this Cathedral church, so that more people may be touched by its life and ministry.

I pray that our worshipping community may grow both in love and in numbers. Please read this leaflet and reflect on what part God is asking you to play, and how you can give back to God generously from all that God has given to you.

Thank you for the part that you play in our life together. With every blessing.

The Very Reverend Catherine Ogle,
Dean of Winchester
Our ancient Cathedral and its ministry are very expensive to maintain. Current costs are £12,000 each day. Over recent years different income streams have been developed to support the costs of maintaining the estate and Cathedral ministry:

Commercial activity (including Shop, Refectory, Christmas Market and Flower Festival); property rentals; investment income; entrance charge; fundraising and appeals.

Alongside these, the giving of the congregation makes a vital and highly significant contribution. The income from this can be directly applied to areas of greatest need.

The Cathedral is precious to us and it’s an honour to be able to play a part in securing its future. I invite us all to consider the part we can play in its financial health and building up its capacity for ministry.

Damien Carpanini
Chair of Stewardship Committee
Many people make a regular commitment to giving to the Cathedral totalling £80,000 per annum. The average giving per week is £6.80. Most of us give between £5 and £6 per week, as part of all that we do for and give to the Cathedral. A few people give substantially more in what may well be sacrificial giving.

Where are you? Could you increase your giving in gratitude to God?

If you decide to give a proportion of your income, for example, 5%, then the impact on our cathedral finances could be considerable.
A comparison of congregational giving in cathedrals, as published in annual accounts, indicates that giving at Winchester is comparatively low. There may be many reasons for this, including people also giving regularly to their parish churches, and the recent appeal.

However, these figures suggests that there is room for improvement in how we respond to the priority of giving.

Can we do better?
WHAT WE COULD DO WITH MORE MONEY

Chapter priorities for the coming year include:

RENEW
Conservation of heritage
• Opening of new exhibitions
• Facilities to welcome more visitors
• Engagement with children and young adults

INSPIRE
Continuing the rich tradition of choral music, worship and outreach
• Growing congregations
• Pastoral care and opportunities to learn
• New opportunities to worship

UNITE
Reaching new audiences
• Serving the communities of the city, diocese and county
• Opportunities to unite in times of celebration and sadness
WHAT CAN I DO?

PLEASE PRAY
We are called to love God and to love our neighbour and our giving is an expression of that love. Please pray about what you give to the work of God through Winchester Cathedral.

GIVE THANKS
For everything with which God has blessed you. The more we give thanks, the more we realise that we have been blessed.

GIVE GENEROUSLY AND PROPORTIONATELY
The Church of England challenges its members to give 5% of their after-tax income to the church and a similar amount to other causes.

GIVE YOURSELF
Our Cathedral life relies on volunteers and those who give time to God and his people. Thank you to all our volunteers. Thank you to all those who pray and all who worship here. This is the heart of our shared life.

‘Unless our money gift has cost us something, it is not really a thanksgiving but more like a tip. And one of the tensions in our discipleship lies in whether we live our life and give to God the odd crumb, or whether we give to God first, and then manage the rest. The Christian disciple who does the first will never be satisfied. The Christian disciple who does the second will always have enough’

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WEBSITE
HOW BEST TO GIVE?
If you give money during Cathedral service collections, please consider giving regularly by joining the Planned Giving scheme, preferably by standing order through your bank. This means that we know how much to expect each month, making budgeting easier, and it is also more secure. We currently have 227 members in the Planned Giving Scheme.

If you are a UK tax payer please complete and return the Gift Aid Declaration. This enables us to reclaim the tax on your donations at no cost to you and means that we receive an additional 25p for every £1 you donate. For example, every £5 that you give each week is worth £260 a year to the Cathedral, and this becomes £325 with Gift Aid.

Please also consider remembering the Cathedral in your will, with a legacy gift, enabling the ministry of the Cathedral to continue in the future.

YOUR RESPONSE
Please renew or begin your financial commitment to the Cathedral by completing the response form. All financial information is confidential.

‘Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.’
EPHESIANS, 3: 20–21

THANK YOU

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