

REPLY FORM

I wish to make a regular contribution for the work and ministry of Empingham Church

NAME

ADDRESS

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DATE TEL No.....

Please send your reply to one of the following by post or email. We will then bring you a Gift Aid form and a form for the bank. Gift Aid gives the Church an extra 25p for every pound. Regular giving by Direct Debit is recommended
We would appreciate your reply before Easter Sunday, 5th April

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If you wish to see the audited Annual Accounts, they are on the Notice Board inside the Church. You are also welcome to come to the Annual Church Meeting on 25th March when they will be presented.

St Peter's Empingham Stewardship Campaign 2015

The Church is always there for **YOU
providing**



- ◆ Regular times of worship
- ◆ Baptisms, weddings and funerals
- ◆ Social gatherings and concerts
- ◆ Support in times of need
- ◆ School services

◆ A focus for village and community

**Please help this Church to continue as
a centre of worship with a ministry
team offering fellowship to all**

THE FABRIC OF THE CHURCH

The maintenance of this fine building has always been the responsibility of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), **and this will continue**. Every 5 years a detailed inspection is undertaken by a qualified architect to suggest essential work which is carried out to keep the building safe, cared for and welcoming.

In the last three years we have replaced the 100 year old chairs with comfortable new ones, making it a pleasure to attend our regular services and concerts.



New chairs



A Jazz concert

PAYING FOR THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY

In the past, finance was largely centralised in Peterborough and each PCC had to pay a sum to the diocese. From the start of 2015 this will change, as we are required to become self funding.

Now we have to fully fund the cost for our own ministry team. In the interim the diocese has agreed to use some of its reserves in order to cover the costs of additional clergy.

The cost of financing the Ministry Team for the 10 Rutland Water Churches is currently £75,810. In 2014, we jointly gave £63,001. All the Parishes have undertaken to remove this shortfall within 5 years and Eppingham's portion of this is £3097.

Further details of the cost of ministry can be seen on the Peterborough Diocesan website, where you can also see a video by the Bishop entitled 'How much will it cost'.

THE COST OF YOUR CHURCH AND HOW IT IS PAID FOR

This is a summary of the 2014 accounts

Expenditure £23,900	(this equals £460 each week)
Cost of Ministry	£16,300
Gas, electricity and water services	£ 1,300
Insurance	£ 2,300
Repairs and Admin	£ 2,800
Charities	£ 1,200
Income £20,300	
Planned giving through covenants	£12,000
Tax recovery	£ 2,800
Fund raising	£ 2,100
Fees, Collections, Donations	£ 3,400

Expenditure exceeded income by a deficit of £ 3,600

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to increase our Planned Giving by £6000. This would eliminate both the £3600 deficit and the shortfall of £3097 to pay the cost of ministry.

The current Stewardship has 50+ supporters. The average monthly contribution per person is about £20. This village has over 400 dwellings and a population of over 700 .

25 new contributions @ £20 per month and we will make it!

However all contributions will make a difference

We are sure you wouldn't want to lose your Church as a centre of worship and community fellowship

Please join this campaign now.