

## How you can help

Please fill in this form if you would like to play your part in securing a stable financial future for St Michael's.

Name:

Address:

### To make a STANDING ORDER:

To the Manager of:

Address:

Sort Code:

Please pay to the account of the Parochial Church of St Michael's, Compton Martin at the NatWest Bank, PO Box 1398, South Parade, Chew Magna, Bristol BS99 5UT  
Sort Code: 60-05-22  
Account Number: 71255826

On the          day of          2012  
and thereafter at regular monthly intervals until further notice the sum of £10 / £30 / £50 / other (delete as appropriate) or (in words)

Please debit my account number with each payment made.

Signature

## Gift Aid

If you are a UK taxpayer please tick the box so we can claim back 28p for every £1 you give, at no extra cost to you.

Yes, I would like St Michael's to treat donations I make from today's date as Gift Aid donations.

Name of Taxpayer:

Date:

No, I am not a UK taxpayer, I am unable to take part in the Gift Aid Scheme.

### Please return to:

Mrs Patti Simcock  
Treasurer  
Bluebell Cottage  
Ubley  
Bristol BS40 6PA

### Thank you for playing your part in helping to maintain this vital part of village life.

The amount of tax reclaimed by St Michael's Church must not exceed the amount of income and/or capital gains tax you pay in any tax year. Please advise us if your donations no longer qualify for Gift Aid

#### Subscribing to The Link, Compton Martin and Ubley's community magazine

For just £5 a year you'll get 10 issues packed with news from Compton Martin and Ubley, useful local information, details of church services and lots more.

Please ring David Hart on 221145

## St Michael's has been here for 900 years ...



## ... will it still be here in another 90 years?

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# ... not unless more people in Compton Martin give more money regularly.

## Who funds St Michael's?

Not enough people – there are only nine people in the village who regularly give to St Michael's by standing order.

Contrary to popular opinion, the Bishop of Bath and Wells doesn't sit in his palace writing a yearly cheque to maintain St Michael's, or any of the other churches or chapels in our diocese.

St Michael's only income comes from the actions of the people of Compton Martin. It's up to us as a parish to support our church - and there's nothing new about that.

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## A tradition of giving

Ever since St Michael's was first built back in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, it's been financially supported by people living in the village of Compton Martin.

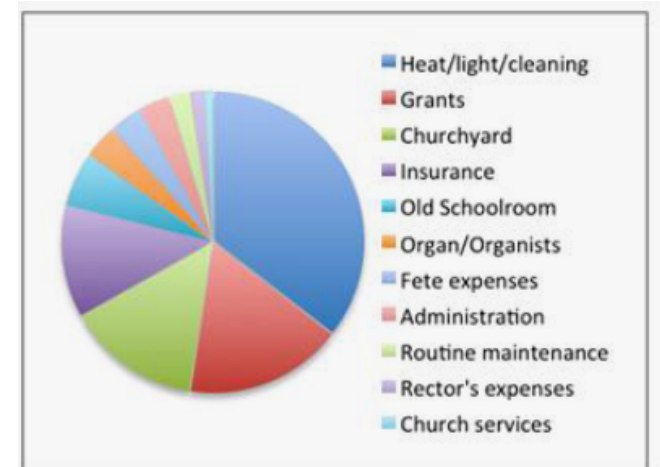
In the early days, villagers tithed ten percent of all that they grew to support both their church and priest, but by the 18<sup>th</sup> century people had begun to give money instead of their produce.

It now falls to our generation to continue to support our village church so that we are able to hand it on to future generations of villagers.

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## What does St Michael's cost?

Each year, St Michael's needs £20,000 just to make ends meet. Half of this goes back to the diocese to fund priests and pensions across our diocese including our Rector, and the rest goes toward heat, light, maintenance and insurance, among other expenses, see below.



Income comes from the fete, legacies, renting out the Old Schoolroom and from just nine adults in the parish who regularly give to the church.

This year St Michael's is facing a big shortfall as the mobile hairdressers have decided not to continue using the Old Schoolroom.

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## Message from our Rector, the Rev. Jane Chamberlain

I am sending this leaflet on behalf of the St Michael's Church Council to everyone in the village seeking their regular financial support to sustain our lovely church. I do this in the hope of securing a stable financial future for St Michael's.

Many people have shared some of the most poignant moments of their lives at St Michael's at baptisms, weddings and funerals. Whether you attend services regularly or not, many of you come to celebrate the great Christian festivals of Easter and Christmas and national occasions such as Remembrance Sunday and HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We all value St Michael's as an essential part of our life and village landscape.

I hope many of us will want to play our part in sustaining the role of St Michael's in this community, and ensuring it can be passed on to future generations. Thank you.