Dear Name

**Parish Church Giving Review**

As a Church we are asking all members, and those connected with the church, to review their giving to the church. The Monday Morning Tiny Church Congregation is as an important part of the church as any other congregation or group which meets here. We want to make sure that all are included.

Did you know that Jesus spoke more about money and possessions than any other subject? He was concerned about how followers and believers used money and possessions. He wanted them used in a fair and equitable way. He also recognised that there was a need to fund the work of the temple in and at which people worshipped God. Times have moved on and we worship in Church (not a temple) and in many different ways. Tiny Church is an important part of the Christian Community in PARISH NAME, which is why those who come along are being included in the giving review being undertaken across the Church.

Firstly, it is important to say that what is given is not hugely important. There is a supermarket which uses the slogan “every little helps” and we want to use that as a starting point. Indeed, Jesus commended the widow who gave a smaller sum than the wealthy man. She gave more of what she had than the wealthy man so was more generous. You can read this in the opening lines of chapter 21 of Luke’s Gospel (the third book in the New Testament of your Bible). There is much that we can learn from this. Yes, there is the reassurance about the size of the gift. There is also the challenge to those of us who may be wealthier.

Secondly it is important to say that there is no compulsion to give. Many Christians see giving back to God, through the Church, as a key element of their Christian witness. Some are prompted by God to give to places other than PARISH NAME. All find it helpful to pray about this.

Finally, it is important to say that all are welcome regardless of what (or whether) they give. This is very much in line with Jesus teaching us about hospitality and welcome. No one was excluded then and no one is excluded now.

With all of this in mind we ask members of the Tiny Church Community to do two things:-

1. Can you consider how you may be able to give to the work of the Church in PARISH NAME?
2. Can we all, as a group, work out how this could be done? We don’t really want to introduce a collection basket. Neither do we want to insist on a bank standing order. Perhaps an answer could be to have a bowl (or something) by the door to be used as we come in. Then, as part of our prayer time it could be symbolically offered to God. Is this something to think and talk about over coffee time for the next couple of times we meet?

Thanks for reading this letter. I am sure that you will have questions and I am not sure that I am the person who can answer them all but I will try. Vicars do not know everything about everything. We do know where to find answers. If I cannot answer your question I will ask the person in the Church, who does know, to contact you.

With my prayers and best wishes

VICAR’S NAME