

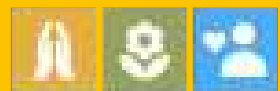


GENEROSITY ALLEY

A-Z

OF FUNDRAISING GENEROSITY AND GIVING IN YOUR CHURCH

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**Want to raise money for
your parish church, but
don't know where to start?**

Whether you are used to organise fundraising events in your church or you are a first timer, we put together this list of ideas to help you start.

Our A-Z of fundraising contains from fancy dress parties to film nights. Have a flick through to see if you can find the event for you, or if you get an idea for something entirely new.



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ABSEIL

Scale the dizzy heights of a local landmark or office block and your adrenaline pumping with a sponsored abseil.

AFTERNOON TEA

Put the kettle on and invite your parishioners round for a cuppa and a chat. Ask everyone to make a donation.

AUCTION OF SERVICES

Auction services of people and businesses - anything from singing lessons to dinner for two.

AEROBICS

Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sports shops

ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE

Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall. You could also hold an auction to sell works by local artists

BINGO

Practice your call outs because bingo's making a comeback. Hold a one-off evening or regular morning sessions.

BARBECUE

Fire up the grill and serve some mouth watering burgers. Add stereo, football and rounders bats and make it a whole day's event

BOOK SALE

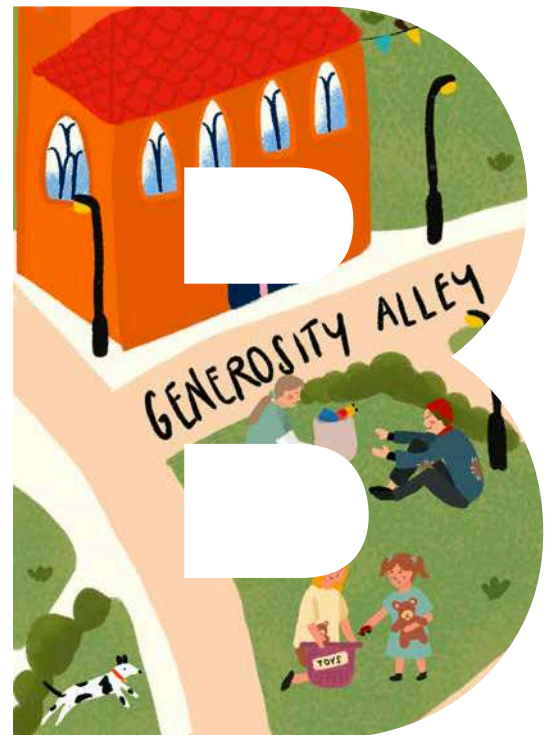
Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may buy leftover stock.

BOAT TRIPS

Organise a cruise down a nearby river or canal. Include refreshments & entertainment.

BEER FESTIVAL

Stock up on international beers, food and music. Remember to check licensing laws.





CAKE SALE

Fancy yourself as the next Bake Off Champion? Cake sales are a great way to raise money at church.

CAR WASH

Wash cars at shopping centre or office car parks

CANDLE MAKING

Make and sell candles at craft fairs or coffee mornings.

CONTACTLESS DEVICES

Turn small change into big donation by leaving a collection contactless device in your foyer or canteen.

CAROL CONCERT

Host a festive concert for your community. Earn extra by selling minced pies & mulled wine.

COFFEE MORNING

Anyone for coffee? Raise money, catch up with friends, parishioners and bring the community together.

DINNER PARTY

Hire a popular and spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music & comedy.

DARTS TOURNAMENT

Challenge all the pub teams in the area to compete for cash prizes, or a barrel of beer.

DOG SHOW

Charge proud pet-owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event.

DANCE

Barn dances, tea dances, disco dances, salsa dances - whatever rocks your boat

DISCO NIGHT

Spin the decks or hire a DJ to stage a themed disco night





EASTER EGG HUNT

Edible hide and seek. Charge entry fee and ask confectioners to provide the eggs.

EYEBROWS

Get sponsored to shave them off - they grow back eventually!

ENDURANCE CHALLENGE

Get sponsored to do 1000 squats or hold a plank for as long as you can.

EATING MARATHON

Get sponsored to eat as many baked beans/grapes/pies etc. as possible.



FANCY DRESS

Jazz up your event with a fancy dress contest. Charge entrance fee.

FILM NIGHT

Recreate an evening of vintage cinema by showing classic films and musicals. Don't forget the popcorn

FACE PAINTING

Get creative with face paints at fetes, fairs and children's parties

FETE

Reach the whole community by holding a fete, or team up with organisers of an annual event.

FUN DAY

Arrange games, music, competitions and stalls at a nearby hall or sports club.





GARDEN PARTY

Once Summer pay us a visit. Organise a Garden party. Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation

GREETING CARDS

Make and sell cards for every occasion. Find out about selling Christmas cards for your church.

GAMES NIGHT

Indulge in your competitive side and break out the board games for a monopolising evening.

GARAGE SALE

Sell off all your unwanted belongings. Invite parishioner to organise their own stall

GUEST SPEAKER

Invite a guest speaker and sell admission tickets. Boost funds with raffle & refreshments.

HEAD SHAVE

Sick of bad hair days? Go bald for charity. Ask for donations to shave your hair.

HOUSEHOLD SALE

Sell off all your unwanted belongings.

HOOK-A-DUCK

Fete and fair game. Ask local companies to donate prizes.





INDOOR MARKET

Rent out stalls to local traders, or take cut of profits.

INFLATABLE

Put a bounce into your summer fete with an inflatable fly wall, boxing ring or gladiator court

IT'S A KNOCKOUT

Revive the 80s game show by inviting teams to compete in silly games in silly costumes.

IRONING

It might not be the most fun job, but if you offer your services you could bring in lots of donations!



JEWELLERY MAKING

Buy your own beads and get threading. Sell your products at markets and craft fairs.

JAZZ FESTIVAL

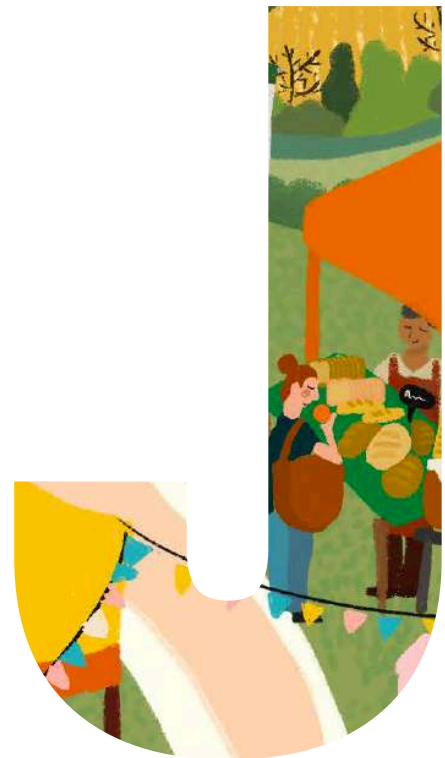
Play your own brand of jazz, or stage a show for local musicians. Sell tickets and refreshments

JAILBREAK

Dump teams in the middle of nowhere. With no money or transport, see who gets back to base first. Charge entrance fees and offer prizes.

JUNK MAIL

Collect all your junk mail and sell it to a recycling company





KARAOKE

Arrange your own Pop Idol contest. All you need is a machine, a room and a well-stocked bar

KNITTING

Get together with friends and have a knit and natter. Help people wrap up warm by selling hats and scarves for a donation

LEFT-HANDED DAY

Try doing everything with your left hand for the day.

LINE DANCING

It's all the rage. Just make sure you have a caller and plenty of drink!

LAWN MOWING

Is the grass greener on the other side? Or is it just shorter?
Convince your friends and neighbours to let you cut their lawns in return for a donation.





MUSIC CONCERT

Entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire bands of musicians.

MINI-OLYMPICS

Invite everyone you know to compete in traditional & silly sports. Charge entry

MARATHONS

Get sponsored to run a traditional 26-mile race.

MEDIEVAL EVENING

Themed evening of medieval food, jousting and entertainment.

MURDER MYSTERY

It's elementary! Indulge those crime fantasies and see who among your friends is the sharpest detective.

NATURE TRAIL

Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

Get sponsored to stick to your new year's resolutions.

NIGHT WALK

Grab a torch and step into the night. Remember, there's no need to be scared of the dark.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Get the corks popping and the streamers streaming. Organise a New Year's Eve party!





OPEN GARDEN

Open your garden to visitors. Sell tickets, refreshments, plants and vegetables.

OPERA NIGHT

Stage an opera evening in your area, or arrange a trip to see a big London production.

OFFICE OLYMPICS

Think you can make it to the podium for waste paper bin basketball? Or go for gold in the egg and spoon race?

Whatever you choose, don't throw in the towel.

OUTWARD BOUND

Go climbing, hiking, camping, etc, in preparation for your trip. Seek sponsorship.

ODD JOBS

Get people to sponsor you for helping them out with chores like vacuuming, cleaning or walking the dog.

PLANT SALE

Sell donated plants or rent out pitches to traders.

PANCAKE RACE

Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday. Charge teams to enter, and spectators to eat

PLANT A TREE

Seek sponsors for a "plant a tree" scheme.

PLEDGES

Gather pledges of support, donations and services. These could be auctioned or raffled off.

POSTAGE STAMPS

Collect and sell foreign and unusual stamps to dealers.

PRIVATE TUITION

Whether it's French or Flamenco, sell your skills with private lessons.





QUIZ NIGHT

Whether it's at a local pub or at church, getting quizzical is a great way to draw in donations. Why not theme it to make things more interesting?

RAFFLE

Ask local firms to donate prizes and sell tickets. Check raffle laws with charity.

RECIPE BOOK

Publish favourite recipes from local restaurants and chefs.

REFRESHMENTS

Sell teas, coffees, sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, etc, at any fundraising event.

RECYCLING

Collect paper, aluminium, glass, etc, and sell on to recycling companies.

RAMBLE

Take to the countryside for a mass walkabout. Throw in a theme (fancy dress, singles, three legged, Easter), and charge for entry and refreshments.





SANTA'S GROTTO

Pull on your white beard and brush up your ho, ho, ho.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Variation on the treasure hunt where participants have a list of items to collect.

SWIMATHON

Get sponsored per length, mile, minute, hour...

SKYDIVING

Free fall your way back to earth - for sponsorship.

SPORTS COMPETITION

Whatever your game, organise a tournament. Sell tickets, and organise stalls, raffles, etc.

TALENT COMPETITION

Discover Britain's next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry and offer prizes.

TOY SALE

In the run up to Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers.

TREASURE HUNT

Sniffing out the clues, teams compete against each other to discover the 'hidden treasure'.

TUCK SHOP

Sell sweets, crisps, cake, drinks, etc, at a children's event.

TOMBOLA

Pick a raffle ticket out of a barrel and match it with a ticketed prize. Fair & fete favourite.





UNWANTED PRESENTS

Arrange a post-Christmas sale of unwanted gifts. Ask traders to donate a cut of their takings.

UGLY JUMPERS

Ask people to wear their most awful jumper for a donation and give a prize to the worst.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Fancy yourself as a matchmaker? Hold a charity speed-dating event. You could also bake some love-themed treats to sell.

VARIETY SHOW

Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers & musicians all under one roof.

VEHICLE RALLY

Well-organised car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers.

VIRTUAL CHALLENGE

Walk, run cycle or swim towards your own target at your own pace.





WINE & CHEESE

Feeling classy? Whether you hold it at home, local bar or church, this is a great event and a treat for the tastebuds.

WINE TASTING

Hold tasting sessions for wine companies. Charge commission on wine sold.

WALKS

Lead organised walks to historical spots and places of interest. Ghost walks are also popular.

WATER SPORTS

Let others splash out as you splash in. Teach water sports or get sponsored to take part.

WHISKEY RAFFLE

Charge a pound a ticket, and pick a winner for every 25 sold. Check licensing and raffle laws.

XMAS EVENING

Stock up on
crackers, pudding
and mince pies.
Break with tradition
by holding it in July!

XMAS HAMPERS

Make up and sell your
own Xmas hampers.
Include food, drink,
toys and gifts



YACHT RACING

Participate in regional or national events. Seek sponsorship from local clubs and businesses.



YARD OF ALE

Challenge yourself and others to a lengthy drinking contest. Charge entry fee.

ZUMBATHON

Work up a sweat and invite family, friends or colleagues to join you in getting your groove on.



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MISSION RESOURCES

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For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

In the Bible we read about a generous God who calls his people to respond to him with gratitude and generosity. We are here to help you discover what that means for your time, talents and treasures.

Please get in touch with us for resources and support related to activities like preaching, teaching, studying the Bible, raising funds, securing grants, setting up digital giving, participating in the Parish Giving Scheme, and leaving a legacy.

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