



Sunday 26th October 2025



Coming up!

1. Gifts in a Box!

Collection Time! We're now starting to collect the boxes ready to be sent to Romania. Please do give them to Helen or the Claire/Carol/Josie on a Sunday or drop them off at the Vicarage mid week.



2. Soup Lunch

Recommences soon – but we need your help!

We are looking for people to take responsibility each week – either by getting some tins and heating them up, or making a home made variety – either is more than wonderful!

Please speak to Claire or Mike if you're willing to do this....



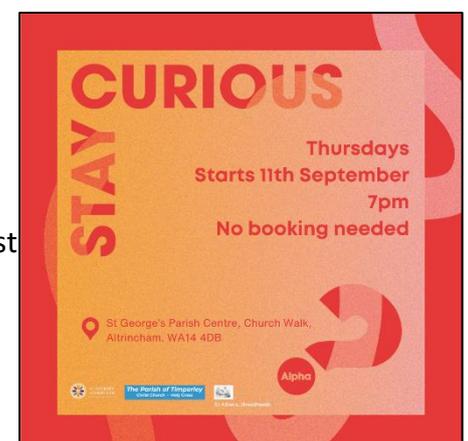
3. Alpha: *CONTINUES THIS WEEK* Thursdays, 7pm

- Ever wondered if there's more to life?
- Starting to explore faith or want to go deeper?
- Know someone who might like to explore the Christian faith?

Alpha is a chance to explore life, faith, and meaning in a relaxed, open, and friendly environment. Each session includes food, a short talk, and plenty of space to ask the big questions – no pressure, no judgement, just conversation.

Everyone's welcome – whether you're curious, sceptical, or just exploring.

Come along, bring a friend, and see what it's all about!



4. Memorial Service: Sunday 2nd November, 7pm

 **A date for your diary** — a gentle time to remember those we have loved and lost.

Grief can be such a tender thing — it ebbs and flows, and even years later we can still feel the ache of someone's absence. That's why, each year, we take time to pause, to remember, and to give thanks for the lives that have touched ours.

You are warmly invited to join us, whether or not you usually come to church, and whether or not your loved one had a church funeral.

Our service will include hymns, prayers, time to light a candle, and — for those who wish — the reading aloud of the names of those we are remembering.

If you would like someone's name to be included, even if you can't be there in person, please do let us know on the sheet at the back, or online via the links on social media: we would be honoured to remember them with you. 

5. Candles!

Oh yes, we can never, ever, have too many candles when it comes to Advent & Christmas! So if you're willing to donate some over the next few weeks we'd be SO grateful!

We are looking for sturdy pillar candles of all sizes please....

6. Sponsor a Christmas Tree?

There is nothing quite like it when a child, or indeed an adult, walks into church in December and audibly gasps at the sight of our huge Christmas Trees glittering away. With so many services happening they get very well used and admired by countless people. Our blue Christmas Tree continues to be a really important means for people to mark the gap left by someone whom they have lost too.

Last year all three cost us £270 - might you be willing to 'sponsor' one and donate to the cost? Last year, thanks to people's donations, we very nearly covered their cost and were very grateful indeed.





Dates for your diary:

7. Remembrance Sunday

9th November 9.30am

As **Remembrance Sunday** approaches, the headlines remind us that conflict and loss are not only part of our past but still shape our world today. We see the pain of war, the courage of those who serve, and the deep longing for peace in every story.

This Sunday, we pause to remember — those who gave their lives, those who continue to suffer in war, and all who strive for peace. Our silence is not empty; it’s a promise to live with compassion and to be peacemakers in our own communities.

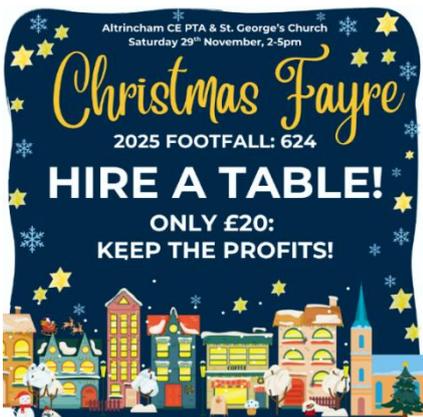
Join us on **Sunday 9th November** as we honour the fallen and pray for peace in our world. 🕊️



8. Christmas Fayre: Sat 29th November 2025

As you can see, Christmas planning is well underway, especially for our Christmas Fayre! We need your help in three ways:

- I. If you know of anyone who would like to **hire a stall** - let us know!
- II. We’d love some more **raffle prizes** – **might you be willing to visit some shops** and business and see if you could persuade them?!
- III. We’re looking for **items for a Tombola Stall, Teddy Bear Stall**, Nearly new books.....?!



9. **Christmas Give-Away:** A bit of a change this year!

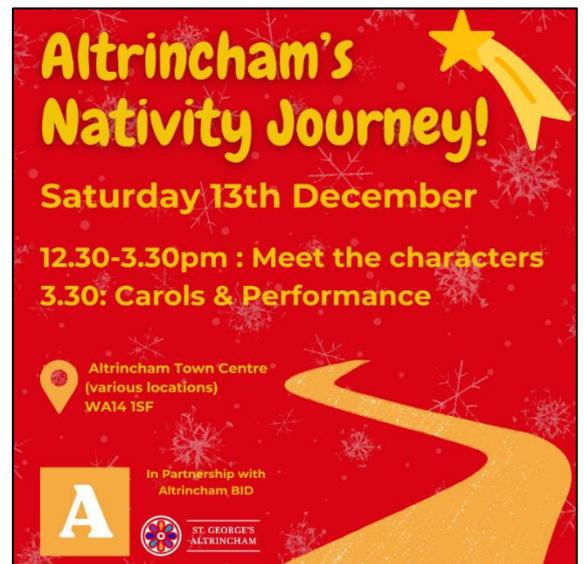
This year, we're going for crafting rather than knitting! They are easy to do and only take about 15 minutes each. Paula would love a team to do this – either at home or perhaps together on a Friday evening (with nibbles!). If you are interested please let Claire, Helen B or Paula know....



10. **Nativity Journey Characters?!**

Once again we are partnering with Altrincham BID for the Nativity Journey on Sat 13th December. We are looking for 4 people to be villagers – to walk up and down the high street handing out some flyers and being a smiling presence: you also get to wear some of Garrick Theatre's *amazing* costumes!

Please let Claire or Dee know!



THIS WEEK!!

Monday

Altrincham Trebles;
Children's Choir 3.20-4.30pm

Tuesday

Tots & Tales 9.15-10.45am
Parlez Vous Francais? 2-3.30pm
Tea & Tales 3.20-4.30pm

Wednesday

Twist & Tales: 10.15-11.00am
Mid-Week Eucharist: 10-10.30am
Coffee Break: 10.30-11.15am

Thursday

School Run Cuppa : 8.45-10am
Knit & Natter 2-3.30pm
Mettle: 3.45pm

Friday

Harbour
9-10.30am
Pathway Youth Group
3.20-4.30pm
St George's Choir
Friday, 7.30pm

Sunday

St George's Choir :
8.30am-9.30am
Early Morning Eucharist:
8am
Parish Eucharist:
9.30am

with Junior Church & Toddler Session

A note on Intinction....

Firstly, I want to offer my sincere apologies, as it seems a comment I made a few weeks ago during the welcome regarding intinction may have unintentionally caused some upset. I had asked that we refrain from intinction (dipping the bread into the wine), and instead, if anyone preferred not to drink from the chalice, that they simply receive the bread alone.

I hadn't realised that intinction has been a long-standing practice here at St George's, and I had assumed it was something that became more common after Covid. I am sorry to those who were surprised or unsettled by my remarks - that was never my intention.

That said, I was a little surprised to learn this, as intinction has never been the Church of England's recommended practice. It has always been explained to me that it is not considered best practice; not only

because it excludes those who are coeliac, but also because, contrary to what we might instinctively think, it is actually *less* hygienic than drinking from the chalice.

My comments, therefore, were not made from personal opinion, but rather from the long-established standpoint of the Church of England.

Rather than trying to summarise this myself, I've included below an extract from the Church of England's own guidance, which explains this more fully.

However, if you remain concerned or unsettled, please do come and talk to me—I would be very happy to discuss it with you.

“After months of extraordinary measures during the time of pandemic, including the administration of Holy Communion in the form of the consecrated bread alone, happily our chaplaincies have restored or are restoring the chalice as in normal times. This step is being taken because it is of extremely low risk in terms of spreading infection. Some may remain uneasy about receiving the consecrated wine from the chalice, and wonder about the practice of intinction (the practice of the communicant dipping the host into the chalice) to receive Holy Communion.

However, intinction by the communicant is not a method of administration which can be condoned. In fact it is a practice that is known to be highly *unsafe*, actually increasing the risk of spreading microbial and viral infection. Thus, the Church of England has always strictly discouraged intinction whenever there has been a fear of spreading infectious diseases.

For instance, at the time of public concern around AIDS in the 1980s, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued guidance about the common cup: “*Public concern has aroused fears among some people that the sharing of the common cup might be a possible means of infection. The advice given to us by the highest medical authorities is that such fears are groundless*”. Again at the height of the swine flu pandemic in 2009, the Archbishops wrote to the Church of England: “*Studies have suggested that in the context of pandemic flu the practice of intinction may involve a greater risk than the common cup*”.

This conclusion is based on sound scientific research. The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta Georgia, one of the world's leading public health organisations has reported that there has never been an outbreak of infection related to the communion cup and that a theoretical risk of transmitting infectious diseases by using a common cup exists, but that *the risk is so small that it is undetectable*.

It seems counter-intuitive to many members of the public, but hands and fingers, as opposed to mouths, are one of the major ways of spreading microbes and pathogens. They are far more likely to be a source of infection spreading than lips or saliva. Quite apart from the normal skin flora there is a much higher risk of hands and fingers harbouring other dangerous pathogens (including, and sorry for being so blunt! faecal pathogens).

It has to be remembered that prior to a communicant coming to the altar and dipping the host into the chalice, he or she may have shaken the hands of another, or touched a hymn book, pew, door handle, bank-note, etc. **So it is not so much a matter of an individual's personal hygiene.** The issue is the personal hygiene of *everyone who may have touched any surface or object which the communicant may then have touched prior to coming to the altar*. So, medically speaking, intinction, rather than diminishing the threat of infection may actually increase it. Even with the greatest care by the communicant, the risk remains that she or he may inadvertently touch the consecrated wine, or the inside or the rim of the chalice with their fingers or hands.

It is interesting that were there any significant risk associated from communicating from the chalice, then there would be evidence of an increased risk for priests who have been performing the ablutions for centuries, consuming the remaining sacrament in the chalice which carries all the microorganisms of all communicants who have received from it. In fact the opposite is true, as insurance actuarial tables indicate that priests tend to live longer than the general population!

There is also another issue which may be forgotten: dipping the consecrated wafer carries the risk of adding gluten to the consecrated wine, possibly endangering a coeliac communicant.

No-one is compelled to receive from the chalice. When a communicant may still have a concern about receiving from the common cup, the option to receive the consecrated bread alone is to be recommended. It remains Anglican teaching that to receive the sacrament in one kind only [i.e. just taking the bread], is to receive the sacrament in its entirety.”



Fundraising!

Enabling our life and work to continue and having some fun in the process....

Easy Fundraising

- Are you booking holidays?
- Perhaps buying some Christmas Presents?

Easy Fundraising allows us to raise money without you having to give any more than you have done.



I've recently booked a flight for India and raised some money for church – why not give it a go?

Speak to Claire or use this link or the QR code to set it up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-georges-church>



Other things to note!

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)

The PGS is the way that we give to the life and work of our church. We don't have set 'membership fees' but instead invite everyone to prayerfully consider what they can give regularly to all that we do. We are completely reliant on donations to do what we do. If you haven't got round to it yet, *more details on how to do this are at the end of this letter* – every single sign up makes more difference than I can express.

Support the work of the Grassroots Trust and sponsor a child:

A number of people have asked me for information about sponsoring a child in India or Romania. Head here: <https://grassroots.org.uk/india/>



Growing in Faith:

Alpha:

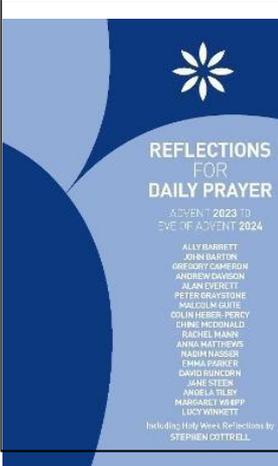
Please see notice about if you are interested in an Alpha Course.

Everyday Faith App

Well worth downloading!

Head here: <https://everydayfaith.churchofengland.org/>

Daily Bible Readings



Monday	1 Maccabees 6.1-17 or 2 Chronicles 26.1-21	John 13.1-11
Tuesday	Wisdom 5.1-16 or Isaiah 45.18-end	Mark 15.16-32
Wednesday	1 Maccabees 7.1-20 or 2 Chronicles 29.1-19	John 13.21-30
Thursday	1 Maccabees 7.21-end or 2 Chronicles 29.20 - end	John 13.31-end
Friday	1 Maccabees 9.1-22 or 2 Chronicles 30	John 14.1-14
Saturday	1 Maccabees 13.41-14.4- 15 or 2 Chronicles 32.1-22	John 14.15 - end
Sunday	Ephesians 1.11-end	Luke 6.20-31



Regular Groups:

WEEKLY DIARY

Your opportunity to worship God and share in Parish life
during the week 27 October – 2 November 2025

MONDAY

TUESDAY

2.00 pm

Parlez Vous Francois?

SIMON AND JUDE< APOSTLES

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am

Eucharist

James Hannington, bishop

10.30 am

Coffee Break

THURSDAY

10.00 am

ESOL courses

1.30 pm

Knit and Natter

6.30 pm

Alpha course

FRIDAY

Martin Luther, reformer

SATURDAY

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

8.00 am

Eucharist (said)

9.00 am

Parish Eucharist

7.00 pm

Memorial Service

Children: (term time)

Tots & Tales: Toddler Group, Tuesdays, 9.15am, Old School Building (OSB)

Tea & Tales: Nursery-KS1 Church with food, Tuesdays, 3.15pm, Church & Parish Centre

Alty Trebles: Children's Choir, Mondays, 3.20pm, Altrincham Primary School

Twist & Tales: Music & Movement, Wednesdays, 10.15, Old School Building (OSB) **Junior**

Church: @ 18mths – 3yrs, 4-11 yrs old, Sundays, 9.30am

Youth: (term time)

Mettle: Bible Study for young people, Bowdon Parish Centre, Thursdays, 3.20pm:

Pathway: Youth Group Yr 6 upwards, Fridays, 3.20pm, Parish Centre

Parents: (term time)

Parent Talk: Friendship & Support, Mondays, 9am, Vicarage

Harbour: For Parents with SEND children, Fridays, 9am Vicarage

Adults:

School Run Cuppa Open House: Cup of tea and chat! Thurs, 8.45am, Vicarage

Parlez-Vous Francais?! Keep that French going over a cup of tea & refreshments! Tues, 2pm, Vicarage

Coffee Break: Refreshments & friendship, Wednesdays, 10.30am, Vicarage

Women's Group: Friendship, projects, first Wednesday of month, 2pm, Vicarage

Knit & Natter: Knitting and chatting! Thursdays, 1.30pm, Vicarage

Soup Lunch: Food and friendship! Thursdays, 12.30-13.30 in the Vicarage (Nov – March)



For your prayers:

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS

DAVE CLARKE
FREDA CLARKE
CATHERINE CRUMMACK
MARY DREDGE
GERALDINE GREEN
JANET JONES
SHARON SIMMONITE
GWEN TEGG
KATH HAWKINS
CLAIRE TARBOX

RECENTLY DEPARTED

BRENDA O'CONNOR

ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR DEATH

ANDREW MCCONNELL
EDWIN HENSHAW +
MOLLY RAMPLING
NORAH HENSHALL
JEREMY WISTEN
MARIE ORETON
JEAN GREY
MURIEL ILLINGWORTH

ROADS IN OUR PARISH

SPRINGFIELD ROAD
STAMFORD STREET
GARDEN LANE
MARKET STREET (UP TO SHAW'S ROAD)

If you, or someone you know, would appreciate prayer, please do let Rev. Claire, the Wardens or Lynda (our Parish Administrator) know.



Useful Contact Details:

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dee@info@stgeorgesaltrincham.org

Churchwardens: Robert Moscrop 0161 928 2547

Kevin Davis 0161 941 4221

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Liv Tattum 07740 198 557, safeguarding@stgeorgesaltrincham.org

Parish Office: Tel 0161 941 4037, open Tues-Thurs from 9am-1pm **For**

reservations in the Parish Centre: Tel 0161 941 4037

e-mail: info@stgeorgesaltrincham.org

website: www.stgeorgesaltrincham.org

Social Media:

@StGeorgesAlty





MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Come & be part of it @ St George's Church!

Dec-early Jan:

Advent Trails

(@Stamford Park & John Leigh Park, in partnership with Altrincham Baptist Church)

Sun 14th Dec:

Pop-Up Nativity

4 pm

Sat 29th Nov:

Christmas Fayre
2-5 pm

Sat 20th Dec:

**Carols
by Candlelight**
7 pm

Sun 30th Nov:

**Toy Donation
Service**
9.30 am

Sun 21st Dec:

Carols in the Park
4.30 pm

(@John Leigh Park, in partnership with Altrincham Baptist Church)

Sun 7th Dec:

**Children's
Christmas Party**
1 pm
Quiet Christmas
7pm

Weds 24th Dec:

Christingle
2 pm & 4 pm
Midnight Mass
11.30 pm

Sat 13th Dec:

Nativity Journey
12.30-4pm

(@Stamford Quarter, Town Centre, in partnership with Altrincham BID)

Thurs 25th Dec:

Christmas Day
10 am

Sun 4th Jan:

**Epiphany
Chalking the Doors**
9.30 am

JOY



For more information head to www.stgeorgesaltrincham.org



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St George's Church, Church Street, Altrincham, WA14 4DB

SOCIAL EVENTS

Come & be part of it all!



ST. GEORGE'S
ALTRINCHAM

Date	Events
Sat 6 th Sept	Quiz Night
Sat. 7th Sep	Back to Church Sun Cream Tea & Garden Games
Sun. 4th Oct	Harvest Supper & Barn Dance
Fri 31 st Oct	Halloween Light Stop
Sat 29 th Nov	Christmas Fayre
Sun 15th Feb	Pancake Party
Sun 29th Mar	Palm Sunday Lunch
3rd April	Good Friday Children's Crafts
Sun 26th April	St George's Day Toast
Sun 7th June	John Leigh Park Big Lunch
Sat 26th June	Altrincham Festival
TBC July	Teddy Bear's Picnic @ John Leigh Park
Sun 12 th July	Summer Fayre



Contributing to the life & work of the church:

Donating to our work:

We are so grateful for all that people give; their time, their prayers, their skills and money too.

To support the life and work of your church, please do consider giving a one-off or regular donation. Here at St George's, we use the Parish Giving Scheme to do this: read on for more information.



An introduction to the Parish Giving Scheme

Why are regular gifts so important to our Church?

The Church of England offers a Christian presence in every community. Together we seek to make this Christian presence the heart of all our cities, towns and villages: by our wonderful buildings; by worshipping together; by serving our communities and by sharing our faith and values. This valuable contribution to our community has a cost, of which 75% is met by personal gifts. For our Church to survive and grow, we rely on regular gifts so that we can plan confidently for the future.

What is the Parish Giving Scheme?

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) has been set up to help us best manage regular gifts. It is a charity that is owned and funded by the National Church Institutions of the Church of England.

How does it work?

Gifts can be made on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis, using the attached gift form and Direct Debit instruction. Even though gifts are made to the Parish Giving Scheme, they are restricted to our parish, giving you peace of mind that your gift cannot be used elsewhere. Unlike a utility bill you are always in charge of what you give. Your gift will be passed back to our parish by the 10th of the month. Gift Aid will be received separately once PGS has received it from HMRC. The unique feature of this scheme is the option for you to commit in principle to increase your gift annually in line with inflation. Whilst this is a voluntary decision, it is one that could potentially have a huge impact on the life and future of our church.

What are the main benefits?

The main beneficiary of this scheme will be our church. Through your generous commitment, we can be assured of a regular, tax efficient source of income which has the capacity to increase with the cost of living yet involves virtually no administration. You will benefit from a system that is secure, confidential and easy to use, while supporting our church today and for the future.

What next?

How do I go about signing up to the scheme?

You can **phone**, **fill in a form** or **sign up online**:

Online: head to www.parishgiving.org.uk or use the QR code

Phone: 0333 002 1260

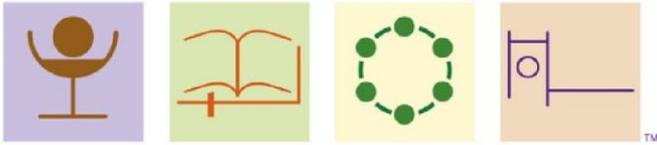
Form: Please fill out the form opposite, with as much detail as possible using a black pen in BLOCK CAPITALS. Detach it from this leaflet following the cutting line and post it to **PGS, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester GL1 3BD.**

Important: You may need the following details:



Church / Parish name - **St George's Parish Church in the village/town/city of Altrincham Diocese of Chester**

PGS Parish code **090 609 193**. Without this information in full PGS cannot process your gift.



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name(s):

Surname(s):

Full home address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

I wish to give

Please tick one per month quarter year

to the Parish Giving Scheme Registered Charity Number: 1156606

Starting on the 1st* of (month) (year)

*Please allow one month from today
NB: Only you can cancel your existing Standing Order

I wish to remain anonymous to my parish's
Planned Giving Representative (please carefully read
'How will our parish be notified of my gift?' on page 2)

Gift Form

I wish to give a regular gift for my church

Please tick to confirm you have read and understood the information on pages 1 and 2, including the Frequently Asked Questions.

I wish my gift to be used solely for the benefit of:

Church / Parish name : *St George's Parish Church*

PGS Parish code *090609193*

In the village / town / city of *Altrincham*

In the *Diocese of Chester*

I wish to support my parish in the future by agreeing to an annual inflationary increase on my gift.

Please tick Yes

I understand that the new amount will be communicated to me by letter 30 days prior to the gift donation date. I have the right to opt out of this arrangement at any point in the future by communicating my wishes by letter, email or phone to the Parish Giving Scheme.

I wish to Gift Aid my donation

Gift Aid makes every £1 worth £1.25

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Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of my first gift on this declaration and in the future. I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less income Tax and/ or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p for every £1 that I give.

Signature

Title:

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay by Direct Debit

Name and full postal address of your Bank/Building Society

To: The Manager Bank/Building Society

Address:

Postcode:

Name(s) of Account Holder(s)

Branch Sort Code

Bank / Building Society account number

Service User Number

Donor reference number (to be completed by PGS office)

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Parish Giving Scheme Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may remain with Parish Giving Scheme and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank / Building Society.

Signature(s)

Date

Please complete this page and send it to: **Parish Giving Scheme, 76 Kingsholm Road, Gloucester, GL1 3BD**

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This Guarantee should be detached and retained by the payer

The Direct Debit Guarantee

- ✓ This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- ✓ If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit PGS will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request PGS to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- ✓ If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by PGS or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
- ✓ If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when PGS asks you to.
- ✓ You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.





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