

Cromer Church Giving and Gift Acceptance Policy

1. Cromer Church promotes regular giving and gratefully accepts donations and gifts consistent with its mission and values to support its core programs and special projects. All such activity is subject to the Fundraising Code of Practice 2019 issued by the Fundraising Regulator.
2. Cromer Parochial Church Council is a charity, with its members subject to the same general duties as charity trustees and as such they have responsibility for the giving activity of Cromer Church, for this policy and for meeting the requirements of the Fundraising Code of Practice and its specific guidance on fundraising behaviour.
3. Donations and other donated forms of support to Cromer Church are gratefully accepted from individuals, corporations, foundations, government agencies, and other parties, subject to the following acceptance limitations:
 - a. no grants, donations or gifts will be accepted from funds associated with gambling e.g. lottery heritage funding.
 - b. no grants, donations or gifts will be accepted from political organisations, or organisations involved in activities deemed to be contrary to Cromer Church's Christian values and principles.
 - c. no donations or gifts will be accepted from an organisation or individuals whose values and beliefs do not align with that of Cromer Church such that in accepting such a donation or gift would be detrimental to Cromer Church. e.g. Freemasonry
 - d. significant monetary gifts, legacies and gifts of property, personal property, securities, and other assets may only be accepted with explicit approval of the incumbent and PCC (or a delegated body on behalf of PCC)
4. All gifts and donations that are received must be accounted for by the church and clearly shown in the annual accounts. The gifts or donations must only be used for the purpose for which it was requested or given. Any gifts and donations should be payable to Cromer Church and not an individual. Unless otherwise specified, gifts and donations will be treated as unrestricted funds and can be used to support any of Cromer Church's activities. Any gifts or donations given with a specific purpose will be treated as restricted funds. PCC must approve the nature of the restriction and it must be agreed with the donor, from the outset, how the gift will be used (including whether the gift will be returned to the donor if it cannot be used for the specified purpose(s)).
5. The PCC approves and manages what type of fundraising activity is promoted and the methods used. The approval must state the purpose of the fund raising and say how the funds raised are to be used.
6. This policy is to be read and applied in conjunction with other relevant Cromer Church policies including data protection and privacy.

"We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man."

2 Corinthians 8 v 20-21