

A new way to raise funds for St Hilda's and it costs you nothing!

At St Hilda's we need to find new ways of raising money to expand our mission and to overcome the rising costs of running the church. One way is to increase your giving through the stewardship scheme or on the open plate at church services. Please review how much you give on a regular basis.

However, there is also a way to raise money for St Hilda's in addition to your regular giving which does not cost you anything. If you shop via the internet, many companies will make a small donation to a charity of your choice if you **register with 'easyfundraising'** and specify which charity you wish to support.

'easyfundraising' is a blanket charity organisation which gives access to donations from a wide range of companies [over 4000] via a single registration. These companies include retailers such as John Lewis, Marks and Spencer, E-bay, and Apple: also insurance, travel and service suppliers for broadband, electricity, gas etc. and much more. I got a £15 donation for St Hilda's simply by using U-switch to change my utilities contract, which I was going to do anyway. You can browse the site for the suppliers of particular goods or services and other help. You can use 'easyfundraising' to purchase from Amazon, but you do need to register with Smile Amazon as well (see below).

As you register, you can add a reminder to your browser. If you click on this, you will go to the 'easyfundraising' website and select the seller you need. This will take you to the seller's usual website, and you then shop as normal, but it has arranged for a donation to the church based on the value of the goods or services. If you browse a site directly, it will tell you if this is a donor through 'easyfundraising' (just click to accept).

I have registered St Hilda's as a receiving charity with 'easyfundraising', but **you must register as a supporter** for the donations to be made from your purchases.

How to register with 'easyfundraising', which is just done once:

- 1: Go to www.easvfundraising.org.uk [Type this in or Google the site]
- 2: Select 'Support a Good Cause' to register to be a supporter
- 3: Enter 'St Hilda' in the charity box. Several St Hilda's will appear, pick 'St Hilda, Warley Woods', and press 'Support this cause'
- 4: You need to enter your name, e-mail and a password
- 5: Choose whether you want to be contacted by them and delete the tick if you don't.
- 6: Tick the box to accept the terms, and click 'Create an account'.
- 7: Add the donation reminder to your browser-this will alert you if you go onto a website that will make a donation. [Click this to use it when shopping]
- 8: You will get an e-mail confirming that you have been enrolled as a supporter for St Hilda's.

[It may sound complicated when written down, but as Alexandr Orlov, the meerkat, would say 'Simples, click!' - and 'Compare the Market' is one of the companies on the 'easyfundraising' site!]

To use Amazon through the site you must separately register with Amazon. You can use Amazon directly to get donations as well. **Amazon** runs a parallel website called '**Smile Amazon**', which is the same as the normal Amazon website with the same items at the same prices. However, using Smile Amazon results in a 0.5% donation of the purchase price (excluding VAT and postage) to a specified charity. I have now registered St Hilda's as a charity with this website, so all it needs now is for you to register as a supporter of St Hilda's on Smile Amazon, and they will donate 0.5% of your spending to St Hilda's.

How to register with Smile Amazon. You only do this once - it remembers who you support and a reminder pops up each time you go on to the website. Note - these instructions relate to people who already have an Amazon account - there may be more to do if you don't have one already.

- 1: Go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk [Type in or Google the site]
 - 2: Select register
 - 3: Choose 'Pick your own charity'. [They do promote some large charities - don't be fooled into clicking this button]
 - 4: Enter 1181258. [This is our charity number]. It will then come up with 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Hilda, Warley Woods', which is our registered name.
 - 5: Accept this as your supported charity.
 - 6: Tick the box to accept and submit.
 - 7: I recommend installing the Amazon Assistant which will sit on your browser.
 - 8: You will get an e-mail confirming that you are accepted.
- To start shopping, use the Smile.Amazon website not the ordinary Amazon one - your existing Amazon account will work with both. This should confirm who you are supporting each time.

PLEASE enrol at both easyfundraising and Smile Amazon, and let's start using the potential to raise money for St Hilda's.

PLEASE tell all your relatives, friends and even your enemies to enrol for St Hilda's too. You don't have to be a member of St Hilda's to qualify. Anyone can give.

If you have difficulties, e-mail me on treasurer@sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk or ring on 0121 558 9100. I would also appreciate knowing if you don't have difficulties, and all goes well.

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