

# Why do we give to church?

**Generous giving is an integral part of Christian discipleship. It not only resources God's mission in the world but also has an impact on our lives.**

As Paul writes to the early church in Corinth, giving is a primary responsibility for Christians: *'But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.'* 2 Cor 8:7

## **God is the ultimate owner of all things.**

When we view everything as God's, it changes our perspective. In our liturgy we pray: 'all things come from you, and of your own do we give you'. These words recognise that we aren't truly owners of anything, but rather recipients of God's grace. We are stewards of what He has endowed us with. And He asks us to use it for His Glory and to build His kingdom here on earth.

Whether we have a lot or a little, we can hold it lightly and pass it on to others as blessings.

## **God is abundantly generous to us.**

Everything we do in worship, in service and in love is a response to God's love for us first, shown in the gift of His son who died to redeem the world.

The price Jesus paid to redeem us means that we owe him everything. How would you respond to someone to whom you owed everything?

*'Freely you have received, freely give'* Matt 10:8

Jesus asks us to make use of the gifts we have received from God to share with others so that they might know Him. One way to do that is to free up financial resources to support Christian ministry.

Without your support, our Church can never be what it *could be*. Without your support, there will not be the resources to do what we are called to do: to be the bearers of good news in a world of bad news, to be the bringers of light in a world of darkness.



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# Giving Guide

The principle of 'tithing' has biblical origins, donating a tenth of your salary to the Church and other good causes. The table below is designed to help you easily see what it would mean to give a proportional gift that is right for you.

Note that this is a guide, and not an upper limit. Take time to listen to what God is calling you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Annual Income	Donation <i>After Tax: 2017/18 rates</i>					
	10%		5%		1%	
	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly	Monthly	Weekly
£5,000	£42	£10	£21	£5	£4	£1
£10,000	£83	£19	£42	£10	£8	£2
£20,000	£141	£32	£70	£16	£14	£3
£30,000	£197	£46	£99	£23	£20	£5
£40,000	£254	£59	£127	£29	£25	£6
£50,000	£307	£71	£153	£35	£31	£7
£60,000	£355	£82	£177	£41	£35	£8
£70,000	£403	£93	£202	£47	£40	£9
£80,000	£452	£104	£226	£52	£45	£10
£90,000	£500	£115	£250	£58	£50	£12
£100,000	£548	£127	£274	£63	£55	£13

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The value of donations can be increased by the donor allowing the church to re-claim the tax. If you are a UK taxpayer simply GiftAid your donations; for every £10 given your church receives an extra £2.50.