

st
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church

Giving

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 Corinthians 9:7

Why do Christians give?

Jesus gave everything for us. One of the ways we thank him is by giving to build his church. Giving is good for us, freeing us from the love of wealth, expressing love for Jesus. Only those who do financial administration will know about your giving, so there is no pressure from others. God wants us to give freely rather than out of guilt. You may want to read 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 and pray about your response.

How is it used?

Church workers 1 Timothy 5:17-18 asks us to cover the cost of the ministry we receive, as we are able. It takes about 10 households giving an average of 10% of their income to finance a preacher. We're currently committed to funding five workers. They equip the whole church family to grow and serve others by teaching the Bible, prayer, by pastoral and administrative work.

Mission partners Every year we send at least 10% of your giving to gospel proclamation elsewhere. We support several church members who have gone to reach other cultures that might not hear about Jesus otherwise.

Gospel programmes A small part of your giving is set aside for running gospel events. For example, we subsidise Christian books, church weekend places and guest event meals. Our buildings will always need minor repairs or improvements and we contribute towards the practical help we receive from the Church of England.

How can I give?

Monthly bank donations provide a predictable income so we can budget and pay wages. You can send us the banker's order form or use online banking: St Matthew's PCC sort code: 08-92-99 account: 65255667. Cash or cheques payable to "St Matthew's PCC" can be left in a slot at the back in a church envelope. Children can put coins in each week.

What if I pay tax?

The church can receive more than you give, by claiming back some of the tax you pay at no extra cost to you. Please read the Gift Aid declaration and sign if it applies, making sure all your gifts have your name on them (on the envelope, cheque, bank form or online).

Please leave forms in the slot at the back or post to: St Matthew's Church Office, St Matthew's Street, Cambridge, CB1 2LT.

Any questions? **E:** office@stmatthews.uk **T:** 01223 363545 reg. charity 1129835

Gift Aid Declaration *(only if you pay tax)*

Full name: *(block capitals, not joint names)*

Postal address:

Post Code:

Email:

Mobile:

I would like St Matthew's Church to reclaim tax on all donations I make now and in the future. I am a UK taxpayer 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 give permission for my details to be stored on computer.

Signed

Date

If you are unsure whether this applies to you please see www.hmrc.gov.uk. Please let the church know if your name or address change, or if you no longer pay enough tax. If you pay tax at a higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your self-assessment tax return.

I prefer to be contacted by:

email

text

post

Please add me to the church mailing list to keep me informed about future events & news.

Please make my contact details available to church members on the secure online database.

I'm happy for any photos that include me/my family to be used on church publicity

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