



Giving to Support the Life of your Church

This leaflet tells you about our approach to giving here at St John's. It sets out some of the biblical principles of giving, and explains how to share in giving to the church in ways that are most fruitful.

*“all things come
from you, O Lord,
... and of your own do
we give you”*

Please be assured that all information you provide to the Partnership Giving Scheme is retained confidentially and personal details are seen only by the Partnership Team.

Giving to support the life of St John's

We would love to see St John's gospel ministry grow, and financial support is a key element in enabling that to happen. In keeping with Biblical teaching we encourage everyone who worships at St John's to contribute to the cost of the ministry of the Church.

The work of St John's costs around £27,000 per month, the greatest proportion of which is needed to pay for our church staff, and because salaries need to be paid every month, it follows that we need regular income to cover these costs. This is why we ask everyone to prayerfully plan what they will give, using the simple pledge form overleaf. You can of course vary your giving at a later date, should your circumstances change.

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income...”
1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

We want to build up the body of Christ in St John's. We also want to invest in *Transforming our Community* through ministries that bring the love of Christ and the Gospel to our neighbours. In addition, we want to be able to support other ministries overseas and at home. Well over 10% of our income is given to mission support.

Giving in tune with Biblical Teaching

According to 2 Corinthians, Christian giving should be:

- **Motivated by grace** (8:1–9) It is an expression of thanks to God for his inexpressible blessings to us.
- **In proportion to our means** (8:12–15) We give according to the riches God has given us.
- **Carefully stewarded** (8:16–24) To guard against any suggestion of financial mismanagement.
- **Willing and cheerful** (9:1–7) Because God loves a cheerful giver who gives gratefully to God.
- **A source of spiritual blessing** (9:8–11) God promises that grace will abound to us as we give.

Giving tax-efficiently

If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donations we would urge you to do so. This will enable us to recover the tax you have already paid on your gift – amounting to 25 pence for every pound you give. A single declaration will cover all your current and future gifts, both by standing order or one-off gifts, and may be cancelled at any time. The form is overleaf.

We do not usually pass collection plates in services but we encourage you to consider making your regular financial commitment through a bank standing order. This simplifies our administration and makes income flow easier to predict. A bank mandate form is included overleaf or you can also use your own online banking.

For those that prefer to give weekly in person, there is a collection box at the back of church and envelopes are available so that gift aid can still be recovered.

How do I become a Partner?

All those who sign a gift aid form and complete the pledge form overleaf become members of our Partnership Scheme. Our Partnership Secretary will contact you to thank you for your gifts and will invite you each year to review your pledge

More information

Should you wish to talk to someone about Partnership, please contact:

Lesley Pocock, Partnership Secretary,
07833 307629 (mobile), 01784 450453 (home)
e mail: lesleypocock@aol.com

or **Charlie Hodgson**, Partnership Assistant
07890 556960 (mobile)
E mail: charliehodgson@btinternet.com

All the forms can also be downloaded from the website: www.stjohnsegham.com and follow Partnership Giving.

PLEDGE FORM

For existing Partners: My/Our* regular giving for the year to 5th April 20.... will be £..... each month/quarter/year*.

For new Partners: I/We* wish to join the Partnership Scheme from and pledge £..... each month/quarter/year*.

I/We* would like to pay by standing order/cheque/weekly envelope*.

(* Please delete as appropriate)

Gift Aid declaration to St John's Church, Egham from:

Title:.....
First name(s):
Surname:
Address:.....
.....
Post code:Tel:
Email.....

I am a taxpayer. Please treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise, as GIFT AID donations.

Signed:

Date:

Please see further comments in the next column for key information about gift aid declarations.

Please return this Pledge and Gift Aid Form to the Collection Box at St John's Church, marked for the attention of the Partnership Team OR By post to: Lesley Pocock, Partnership Secretary, 235 Staines Road, Laleham, Middlesex, TW18 2RS. Thank you.

KEY INFORMATION ABOUT GIFT AID

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities (including churches) and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

A declaration can only be signed by one individual (regarded as the donor), who must be a taxpayer. However, payments may be made from joint accounts of which the donor is a joint holder.

Please notify St John's if you:-

1. Wish to cancel this declaration
2. Change your name or home address
3. No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. Gift Aid is linked to basic rate tax. Basic rate tax is currently 20%, which currently allows charities to reclaim 25 pence on the pound.

Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher rate or additional rate tax. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please retain this section of the form.

BANK STANDING ORDER

To: Bank

Branch address

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..... Post code

Please pay to "PCC of St John's the Baptist Church Egham Partnership Account"
At National Westminster Bank Plc,
50 High Street, Egham, Surrey TW20 9EW

Account Number: 44768222

Sort Code: 60-07-33

The sum of £ (figures) (words)

on (day) (month) (year)

and each month/quarter/year* thereafter until further notice.

Debit my account number

in the name of

Sort code-.....-.....

Bank Name & Address

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Signed:Date.....

THIS REPLACES ANY STANDING ORDER IN FAVOUR OF THE SAME ACCOUNT.

Please send this form directly to your bank.