

St Dionis Church

Parsons Green



GIVING TO GOD: resourcing His church

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. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

WHY GIVE?

A biblical perspective

- In reaction to God's grace
God has shown His great love for us, in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Having received such undeserved generosity, we should be motivated to give generously in response. We are to be like God – ready not reluctant givers, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- In recognition of God's gifts
Giving is not limited to financial giving. God has given us all we need to give generously but not all of us can give financially. God wants us to be generous not only with our money but with our time, energy, skills, property and homes. If we have received God's abundant grace then we all have something to give generously. Sometimes these other things are harder to give than money.
- In response to needs and priorities
Paul encourages Christians to give generously to a collection for other Christians in great poverty. God's priorities are that His people should give to those who teach the word of God (1 Tim. 5:17), those in need in our church (James 1:27, 1 Tim. 5:8) and those in need in other churches (2 Cor. 8&9)

HOW MUCH?

- Abundantly
Paul stresses the abundant nature of God's giving toward us so that we may give abundantly in response. The Old Testament commanded a tithe (10% of income). The New Testament is far more radical – we are to be generous givers of all we have been given. Some will give far more than 10% of their income, others less.
- Thoughtfully
Each person should give what they have decided in their hearts to give. We need to think carefully about what resources we have been given, what our responsibilities are and how we can give money to invest in God's kingdom in the most effective way.
- Joyfully
God loves a cheerful giver. It's easy to give for the wrong reasons – to relieve our guilt, to avoid other avenues of Christian service, to be seen by others to be generous. Paul tells us that God loves a joyful and big-hearted response to all that He has lavished on us.

STANDING ORDER

St Dionis Church, Parsons Green

To the Manager of: _____ Bank/Building Society

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Please pay: St Dionis Church, Parsons Green, London, SW6 4UH

At: Santander
Bootle, Merseyside, GIR 0AA
Sort Code: 09-01-55
Acct. number: 88 90 67 00

The sum of: _____
(amount in figures & words, e.g. £50 FIFTY pounds)

with effect from: _____/_____/20_____

and until further notice, on the same month/ quarter/year (please delete as appropriate)

and debit my account:

Account name: _____

Account number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____/_____/20_____

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

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AND NOT YOUR BANK**

GIFT AID DECLARATION

St Dionis Church, Parsons Green

GIFT AID DECLARATION FOR UK TAXPAYERS

I (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr) (full name)

Of (address)

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Postcode:

want the Parochial Church Council of St Dionis, Parsons Green, to treat as Gift Aid donations: (tick as appropriate)

all donations I have made since 6 April 2000 and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise

all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise

You must be a current UK taxpayer to make this declaration

I am a taxpayer in the United Kingdom and, by signing this form, I wish to declare that all contributions and gifts made by me to St Dionis Church be treated as Gift Aid donations from 6 April 2009 onwards.

I acknowledge that I must inform St Dionis Church if I do not pay tax at least equal to the tax the church reclaims on my donation.

Signed:.....

Date:/...../20.....

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GIVING MADE SIMPLE Frequently Asked Questions

- **Where does our financial support come from?**
In practice all our income comes from present and past members of the church family.
- **Can I change the level of my regular giving?**
Yes. All you have to do is contact your bank and amend your donation.
- **How can St Dionis benefit most from my giving?**
If you pay tax in the UK, please complete the Gift Aid declaration overleaf, (if you have not previously completed one). This will increase the value of your donation by up to one-third because we can claim back the tax you have paid.
- **What if I pay higher rate tax?**
St Dionis reclaims tax at the basic rate. You can claim additional tax relief (up to the higher rate) by declaring your Gift Aid donations on your Tax Return.
- **Can I use CAF vouchers?**
Yes. Gift Vouchers from Charities Aid Foundation and similar organisations are very welcome. Please make them out to "St Dionis Church".
- **How do I make regular donations?**
Regular giving is an enormous help to us in our planning and budgeting. It also saves effort for the giver. Standing Orders are the easiest way to make monthly/quarterly/ annual payments. Please fill in the Standing Order Form (insert), put it in an envelope addressed to the Giving Secretary and hand it into the church office. The Giving Secretary will then send it to your bank.
- **How do I cancel a Gift Aid Declaration?**
A single Gift Aid Declaration can now run indefinitely. If you stop paying tax or you need to cancel your declaration, you must contact the Giving Secretary, via the church office.
- **How do I make a single donation?**
Please place your cheque in the envelope provided at the back of the church or at the end of each pew. Either put it in the collection on Sunday or hand it into the church office during the week. Cheques should be made payable to "St Dionis Church".
- **Note**
Financial giving is kept confidential to the Giving Secretary and the Church Treasurer.