

How Much Can I Give?

It is good to give in proportion to what we receive. The tithe principle can be used as a rule of thumb. Some may give less, while others will be able to give more. John Wesley used the principle of working out what we needed to live [which remained fairly constant at that time] and the rest he could give away. As his income increased he gave away most of it.

Where Does The Money Go To?

When giving to St Philip's Church the money is used in many different ways to bless and serve the local community and those further afield (in the UK and abroad). Precise areas money is prayerfully used include:

- Supporting the clergy and other paid workers
- Maintaining the buildings
- Mission and community work
- Ministry among children and adults
- Support outreach & mission in other places
- Diocesan support

Congregation In Mission

All money given to the Church is Mission giving. We recognise God's call on us to be a Missionary Congregation.

We depend on the sacrificial giving of local Christians to continue this work here in St Philip's Church and in the local community. Sometimes we have a false picture that mission is somewhere else. It's here at home as well. We need over £12,500 per month to maintain what we presently do.

We thank you in His name for working with us in this way!

Your support is invaluable

Further Information

If you would like further information on how to give financially to St Philip's Church then please make contact with the Church office, either by phone or email (details of which are below). Church staff will be happy to discuss matters with you. They can also direct you to members of the Church family who would be delighted to answer questions you have. These include:

Jim Griffiths – Church Financial Overseer

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Giving



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Why We Should Give

Tithing

Giving one tenth of what we have to God is a good guiding principle which we find in the book of Malachi (3:8-10).

As a Church we give part of our income to organisations and people who are serving God in other areas.

Perhaps you could reconsider your giving along these lines? For every £10 you receive you could give £1 to God. Extra freewill offerings can be made on top of this!

Reviewing

As circumstances change, our finances change. Sometimes we receive less and need to reduce our giving. Sometimes our income goes up so we can increase our giving.

We may find that we only give away a minute part of what we receive. Whatever you give, think carefully about it with God and trust him.

- Be Practical in method
- Be generous in heart
- Be Sacrificial in will

Giving Is Good For You!

Most of us worry about money.

We do have to be careful about spending and thoughtful about saving. However we can sometimes be obsessed and allow money to dominate our thinking and emotions. As Christians we can be free of this.

Giving releases us from our holding and grasping nature.

Christians around the world witness to a God who keeps his promises and looks after His children.

There is no glib promise of prosperity, but God does promise we will have enough. In God's economy He blesses the giver with more to give away. This results in more blessing for the giver and receiver.

Way of Gifting

There are a number of different ways to give to St Philip's Church. These are briefly detailed below. If you would like more in-depth information about how best to give or would like to talk the options through with someone please see the 'Further Information' section on the back of this leaflet.

Bank Standing Order

Giving to the Church by Bank Standing Order is a simple and convenient method, both for the Church and for individuals.

For anyone wishing to make their giving by this method, the details of the Church Bank Account are as follows:

Account Name:	St. Philip's Church
Bank	CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling ME19 4JQ
Sort Code	40-52-40
Account Number	00013924

The above details should be forwarded to your own Bank together with details of the amount you wish to pay and the date in each month/quarter/year that you wish payment to be made.

Weekly Giving Envelopes (For Regular Giving)

If you wish to give on a weekly basis by cash/cheque then you can use the Weekly Giving Envelopes.

We prefer people to give by Bank Standing Order if possible as this saves our volunteers a lot of time. It can be an excellent way for children and young people to learn the value of giving away part of their pocket money/early-earnings.

To collect a box of envelopes please ask in the office. Envelopes run from April to April. Giving by this method can however commence at any time.

Yellow Giving Envelopes (For One-Off and Irregular Giving)

If you are a taxpayer and you wish to make occasional or one-off gifts then we have individual yellow coloured envelopes for this purpose. You will be required to complete your full name and address as indicated on the outside of the envelope and this will enable the Church to recover the Income Tax on the individual gift.

Loose Collections

If you are a non-taxpayer and you can only give occasionally or wish to give anonymously then the best option is to place your cash gift in the collection plate.

On a Sunday the collection plate is out on a wooden table located centrally just before the back row of seats. It is taken up to the altar table during the service.

Legacy

Some people wish to give from their estate when they die. A simple percentage or a particular amount can be specified within a Will. Making a Will ensures that the people and/or organisations you wish to gain from your estate when you pass away do so in a tax efficient way.

Gift Aid Giving

Please remember that if you are a U.K. taxpayer (Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax only) then signing a Gift Aid Declaration form will increase the value of your giving by approx. 25p in the £ whilst the basic rate of Income Tax is at 20%. You simply complete the Gift Aid Declaration form and the Church can then reclaim the income tax equivalent that you will have paid.

For the Church to operate this system the Inland Revenue requires that we can clearly identify the gifts that you make and this means you will have to give by Bank Standing Order or an identified giving envelope - you cannot for instance just put cash in the weekly collection plate.