

**STANDING ORDER FORM**

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The Manager  
.....Bank plc  
Address .....

Please pay to St John’s Parochial Church Council,  
Stratheden Road, Blackheath, London SE3 7TH at:  
Barclays Bank plc, Westcombe Park Branch,  
Woolwich Group, PO Box 278, Woolwich SE18 6NU

Sort code 20-98-57  
Account number 80775878

The sum of £..... (figures) (.....  
.....[words])

On the ..... day of ..... 20..... and each month/  
quarter/year [Delete as appropriate] thereafter until  
further notice and debit the following account in re-  
spect of each payment made:

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Signed .....

Full Name [please print] .....

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**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH,  
BLACKHEATH GIFT AID DECLARATION**

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 understand the charity will  
reclaim 25p of tax on each £1 that I give. I confirm  
that 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.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Full name [Please Print] .....

Address.....

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**Please return forms to:**

St. John’s Church Office  
Stratheden Road  
Blackheath  
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# Finance



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## What does the Bible say about Giving?

### Everything belongs to God.

We are stewards of the wealth and resources God has given us; He is the owner.

*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14 and Psalm 24:1*

### Giving is a thank offering to God

God is good: He is generous towards us. Financial giving is a biblical expression of thankfulness

*Psalm 107:1 and 116:17; Leviticus 7:12*

### Giving 10% of income was normal in the OT

The tithe (10%) was a generous proportion of income. In the OT God asked his people to give back this regular proportion of the first fruits of their produce and wealth.

*Leviticus 27:30 and Malachi 3:8-10*

### Generosity and cheerfulness are attitudes to giving encouraged in the NT

Jesus frequently encouraged and challenged people to give with generosity. Saint Paul emphasized this by saying "God loves a cheerful giver". Our attitude in giving is more important than the amount we give.

*Luke 6:38 and 2 Corinthians 9:7*

### Regular planned giving was part of Christian discipleship in the early church

Paul encouraged Christians to develop a pattern of regular and committed giving building on the principles from the Old Testament.

*1 Corinthians 16:2*

St John's encourages all those who regularly worship with us to consider how they can contribute to the ministry of the church. There are many different ways of giving time, talents and finances.

The following information will help to inform you of the expenses of the church. Thank you for taking time to read this leaflet and consider your financial contribution to the ministry of the church.

## How much does it cost to finance St John's?

Per week our expenses **in 2018 = £8,000**  
Average weekly attendance approx 200 adults  
*Our annual expenditures are divided like this:*

	%
<b>Parish share (quota)</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Staffing</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Mission</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>17</b>

### What is Mission Support?

St John's gives away 11% of income. This is our expression of planned, generous and cheerful giving. This money supports individuals and organizations who work in a variety of places around the world sharing the Christian faith and serving the poor.

### What is the Parish Share?

This is an amount of money that goes to the Diocese of Southwark (Church of England). The Parish Share is used to pay for the clergy, bishops, mission and ministry costs of the diocese.

## How can I give?

Cash or cheques placed in the offering receptacle at the entrance to church on Sundays

Planned giving using: weekly envelopes; standing orders, payroll or charity account giving

If you pay tax then please complete a gift aid form.

## How much should I give?

Take time to consider the Biblical guidelines and references included in this leaflet. Pray and ask God for guidance and a cheerful heart. Seek to be generous. Give!

Many people discover more about God's generosity, love and provision as they give. If you are new to giving or have financial difficulties, begin small and plan to increase/review your giving over time.

## Should I give to charities or to the church?

Many of the Biblical references to giving refer to gifts given to God and used for the work of the temple or the church. It is only God's people who can finance the work of the church; we are not able to access other sources of funding. We take good care of your financial gifts and pass on a significant proportion to the work of the mission agencies and charities agreed by the PCC.

## Is further information available?

Yes. You can begin giving today by returning the attached Standing Order form. Or, please speak with a member of the finance team or the vicar. A finance pack is available with further details.