

ST. JOHN'S 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 an difference.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Full name *[Please Print]*

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Address.....

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.....Postcode.....

PLEASE RETURN FORMS TO:

St. John's Church Office  
Stratheden Road  
Blackheath  
London  
SE3 7TH

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO FINANCE ST. JOHN'S CHURCH?

Weekly expenses in 2022 = £8,650

Avg. weekly attendance approx. 200 adults

Our annual expenditures are divided like this:

Parish share (quota)	35%
Staffing and Expenses	27%
Church Operations	38%

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.

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 NEXT?

If you would like more information or to discuss your giving, please contact the finance team (Raki Bogan - [finance@stjohnsblackheath.org.uk](mailto:finance@stjohnsblackheath.org.uk)) or speak to Eddie (vicar).



FINANCE & GIVING

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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.

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, Psalm 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, 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, 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

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. 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 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.

HOW CAN I GIVE?

Below are a number of ways you can give. If you pay tax then please also complete a gift aid form.

Standing orders

Fill out and return the form opposite

Cash/ cheque

Please place these in the offering receptacle at the entrance to church

PayPal

Visit "paypal.me/STJPCC"

Payroll or charity account

E.g. CAF or Stewardship account

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STANDING ORDER FORM

To: The Manager .....  
.....Bank plc

Address .....  
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Please pay to: **St Johns Parochial Church Council**  
Sort code: **20-98-57** Account number: **80775878**  
St. John's Church, Stratheden Road, Blackheath,  
London SE3 7TH

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 respect of each payment made:

Account name.....

Account number .....

Sort code .....

Signed .....

Full Name [print] .....

Dated .....

Address .....  
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