

## How Should I Give?

Regular, planned giving is a vital part of Christian discipleship. It also enables us to plan our ministry, knowing the income we are going to receive. The best way to give is through a monthly Standing Order, which you can set up using the form opposite.

## Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a UK tax payer, please complete this declaration, so we can reclaim an additional 25p for every £1 you donate. Please return this form to Alan Johnston, Stewardship Secretary, or pass it to a Church Warden.

Title..... Forenames.....

Surname.....

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

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.....

Date.....

## Giving by Envelopes

If you would like to give using the envelope scheme, please contact the Alan Johnston (01228 534725).

## Standing Order Mandate

Please send this direct to your bank, or use the information to set up payments online.

To the Manager,.....  
(name of bank/building society etc)

Please pay Cumberland Building Society (16-52-21) for the credit of St James Church PCC (Account 51301876) the sum

of £..... (amount in words).....

Commencing on.....(date)

And thereafter every.....  
(due date and frequency)  
until cancelled by me in writing.

This instruction cancels and supersedes any existing payments to this account.

Name of account to be debited.....

Account number.....

Signed.....

Date.....

**Please be sure also to complete the Gift Aid Declaration opposite and return this to the Stewardship Secretary, who will be happy to meet and talk with you if you have any questions.**

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# Giving to St James



St James is a thriving and active church, making a real difference to many people's lives through God's love made known in Jesus Christ.



In order to serve the community and sustain our worship and ministry for people of all ages, we rely on the generous contribution of time, talents and money from all those who are part of the church.

Stewardship starts with recognising that *all* we have comes from God, and that we are responsible for using our resources according to God's will.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you  
1 Chronicles 29:14



### Stewardship is Spiritual

Jesus reminds us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Our attitude to giving shapes who we are as a community of faith. Just as God generously gave himself to us through Christ, we are called to generously give of ourselves to continue this mission that Jesus proclaimed in his life. Stewardship is a spiritual practice. When we give our material resources to support the life and work of the Church, then we are, in a real way, declaring the Good News of abundant life. We are testifying with our resources to a vision of the world that is not self-serving, but deeply concerned with the life and wellbeing of others

### Funding Ministry

The cost of paying for the ministry and mission of church is met by the members themselves. As a parish we get no national or local government financial support and are responsible for meeting all our costs.

Our total costs for worship, ministry and mission are about **£20,400 a month**. This breaks down as: £5,550 on the Parish Offer, which helps pay for our share of clergy, housing, training and support costs. £8,000 on staff costs. £3,400 on maintaining our buildings, including insurance, heat, light etc. £2,500 on supporting our mission partners working across the world. £950 on worship and ministry costs to and in the community.

### Christian Principles On Giving

**This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God.**  
2 Cor 9:12

When it comes to giving to God (and His church), the Bible gives us some important principles to follow:

- Give **first to God** before spending time and money on ourselves
- Give **regularly** (ideally monthly by Standing Order)
- Give a **proportion** of income and available time
- Give **generously**: God promises to provide for all your needs
- *these days we can add...* Give **tax-efficiently** (e.g. Gift Aid)

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.

2 Corinthians 9:7