

Ways to give:

By Standing Order:

Arranging a monthly **standing order** electronically via internet banking or by completing a paper standing order (available at the welcome desk) is the most helpful way for us as a church, as this enables church leaders to plan for ministry development in the knowledge of regular income.

Bank account details are:
Sort Code: **30-91-63**
Acc number: **07106087**

Are you a UK taxpayer?

Completing and signing a Gift Aid Declaration form enables the church to reclaim tax worth **25%** on top of your gift. Forms available from the welcome desk. Or if you would like to give by cash or cheque, please use the Gift Aid envelopes available from the welcome desk. Envelopes can be placed in the offering bags on Sundays

By Cash or Cheque:

These can be placed in the offering bags on Sunday or posted (cheques only) to the Church Office. Cheques should be made payable to '**Highfields Church**'.

Communicating with the Finance Committee:

If you would like to know how money is used in Highfields Church, please speak to **Sarah Norton** or **Ed Gooderham**

If you set up or change your standing order online, please contact the Finance Committee on **finance@highfieldschurch.org.uk** to let them know the details.

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IN THE WORK OF THE
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GIVING

HIGHFIELDS CHURCH



The church & giving

God has called us to do a job! That job centres around '**knowing Jesus and making Him known**'. We want to show the values and share the message of God's Kingdom as we train and send people to take the gospel to Wales and the World.

We recognise that a well resourced church, consisting of people willing to devote their time, energy and money, is needed if this strategic vision is going to be realised.

We believe that giving a proportion of our personal income to the local church is an important part of Christian commitment and something the Bible teaches.

What are the benefits of giving?

Here are some of those from **2 Cor 9.6-15**:

- generous giving generates many resources (v6)
- we experience God's love and favour (v7)
- God's grace is multiplied to us (v8)
- it results in thanksgiving to God (v11)
- people's needs are met (v12)
- the gospel can be widely shared (v13)
- it creates gratitude (v14 -15)

But how much should I give?

The Old Testament people of God gave a tenth of their entire income, known as a tithe, to make provision for God's work.

Today, living in the light of the good news of Christ, many Christians still take 10% of their income as a starting point for their giving.

But all Christians are agreed that the New Testament teaches these helpful guidelines for giving:

- **Voluntarily:** out of a heart thankful to God
- **Regularly:** choose a set time interval for your giving e.g. weekly or monthly
- **Individually:** everyone is invited to participate
- **Systematically:** let your giving be thoughtfully & prayerfully planned
- **Proportionately:** the proportion is far more significant than the amount
- **Locally:** our primary commitment is to our own local church and the ministry that happens through it
- **Stewarding:** we are not owners but stewards of all God's gifts to us including our money

What are the safeguards against mismanagement?

The integrity and accountability for our stewardship of money can be clearly seen. This involves having a team of trustworthy people; the Finance Committee, not just one person, who have the responsibility of administering the church's finances. We are subject to the law governing registered charities, the accounts are audited annually and are then available to the church and submitted to the Charity Commissioners.

The trustees oversee the reporting of church finances and our book-keeping. Expenditure is controlled against an approved budget. All those employed on the staff of the church are subject to specific financial policies which are strictly adhered to e.g. staff are not permitted to receive personal gifts. This is because we want to encourage people to give directly to the church with confidence that if they do so, the staff and all the ministries of the church will be provided for properly.

The Finance Committee:

If you would like to speak to a member of the finance committee please email finance@highfieldschurch.org.uk