

Giving at St. George's

St. George's is a thriving and growing church. Each Sunday around 500 people, of all ages, come to services at St. George's. But that is only part of the story. There are children and youth groups, groups for mums and toddlers, 25 small groups, Alpha courses, Marriage and Parenting courses, and a pastoral care ministry that reaches many people in our community.

We also run the St George's CAP Centre supporting many indebted families across our area.

All this activity costs money. Not just in the running costs, but in staffing as well. We believe that God will supply our growing financial needs, but it is only prudent to ensure that:

- We are giving to God what we should be.
- Our giving is as tax efficient as possible.

How much should I consider giving?

God loves a cheerful giver and the Bible encourages us to give a regular proportion of our income to His work. In the New Testament we are encouraged to be generous with our offering, as a response to all that He has done for us in Christ. The Old Testament principle of giving 10% of our income to God is helpful as a starting point but the teaching of Jesus is far more radical in terms of our material possessions and we might like to consider how much we keep for ourselves rather than how much we give away! Jesus commended the widow who gave all she had.

Tax efficient giving increases your gifts.

The following are some suggestions on how you can give tax efficiently.

Gift Aid

TAX RELIEF DECLARATION FORM

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer. In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ _____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to St George's Church PCC. 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.

Title _____ First name or initial(s) _____

Surname _____

Full Home address _____

Postcode _____

Date _____

Please notify the charity if you: 1) want to cancel this declaration 2) change your name or home address 3) no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code. This information will be held in accordance with our 'Data Privacy Notice'. We undertake to meet the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations and all other relevant legislation, and the expectations of the ICO relating to the data privacy of individuals.

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If you are a tax payer, please make sure that your gifts, whether one off amounts or regular giving, are gift aided. That way the church can reclaim the tax that you have paid on that amount. This increases the value of your gift by 25% (for every £1 donated the church gets £1.25)

Regular Giving

If you regard yourself as a regular member of St. George's, please consider regular giving by standing order. It helps enormously if we know that we have a core income coming in, month by month. And if you are a tax payer, make sure that it is gift aided as well. For higher rate tax payers this will also help to reduce your own tax bill.

The rules for tax efficient giving have changed in recent years, so there is now no need for a long term commitment in order for St. George's to realise the tax benefits. You, the giver can start, stop or amend your giving as you decide. Our 'Guide to Giving' leaflet explains your options in an easy to follow process.

Payroll Giving

Some large companies offer matched giving for charity donations by staff. If you work for one of these companies then consider St. George's as the charity that you support. It could double the value of your giving, and it can be gift aided as well.

Any questions?

If you have any questions about giving to St. George's, or would just like to talk to someone about your options, please contact:

Ian Mace: 01780 764220
or Diane Faux: 01780 752156

Standing Order

To: The Manager (your bank details)	Account Name:
	Account Number:

Please pay the sum of £ (amount in words)
 monthly/quarterly/annually* from my/our* account. To
 Commencing on and
 monthly/quarterly/annually* thereafter until further notice.

Signed:

Date:

* delete as appropriate

Lloyds TSB
65 High Street, Stamford
Lincolnshire PE9 2AT
Account Name: PCC St. George's Church
Sort Code: 30-98-02
Account Number: 00613254

St George's Purpose, Values and Vision

Our Purpose:

'Making disciples on mission with Jesus.'

Our Values:

Recognising that Jesus is at the centre, the Bible is our Guide and that people matter, we seek to be a loving community who:-

- Pursue God's presence together.
- Grow in discipleship.
- Care for everyone.
- Engage with our world in love.
- Enjoy celebrating God's love together.

Our Vision:

'Our vision is for greater maturity, deeper engagement and numerical growth.'

By 2019 we will have **greater maturity** as every member is valued, nurtured and equipped to be a devoted dependent disciple of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We will have **deeper engagement** with our world through personal witness, social action, local evangelism, missional communities, diocesan partnerships and our world mission partners.

We will have **numerical growth** as a loving community of multiple congregations, missional communities and small groups.

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