

# **St Mary's**

W H E A T L E Y

## **Giving**

**Why should I give?**

“You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9). Christians want to give so that more people can hear this good news of forgiveness and eternal life. Giving is part of our worship of God, and it helps us love him rather than money. No one at St Mary’s (including the minister) will know how much you give except one or two people who help with finance admin. Why not read 2 Cor 8 & 9 and pray about your giving? “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 Cor 9:7).

**How is my money used?**

*Church workers* – at the moment we receive an enormous amount of help from the Church of England to fund our church staff. They equip the whole church family to grow and serve others, by teaching the Bible and praying. Our prayer is that over time we will be able to cover more and more of these costs ourselves, as we ought to – see 1 Timothy 5:17-18.

*Mission partners* – every year we send 10% of our giving to gospel ministry elsewhere, so others can hear about Jesus.

*Running costs* – e.g. heating, lighting and publicity, plus we contribute towards the practical help we receive from the Church of England.

**How can I give?**

*Monthly bank donations* – these make life easy for volunteers who help with finance admin, and help the church predict its income. Use the banker’s order, or give online (St Mary’s PCC, sort code 05-04-16, account 52674173).

*Numbered envelopes* – you can give anonymously. Please ask the treasurer.

*Cash or cheques* – put in a giving plate any Sunday, and children can put in coins.

**What is Gift Aid?**

If you pay tax St Mary’s can receive an extra 25p for every £1 you give, at no extra cost to you. Please read and sign the Gift Aid declaration, and make sure all your gifts have your name on them (cheque, banker’s order, online) – or that you use a numbered envelope. There are also small one-off Gift Aid envelopes in the pews for visiting Christians.

*Please return to the treasurer, Moira Johnson, or post to: The Treasurer, St Mary’s Church Office, 59 St Mary’s Road, Doncaster, DN1 2NR.*

**Gift Aid declaration (if you pay tax)**

Mr/Mrs/Dr etc:

Full name (capitals, not joint names):

Address:

Post code:

I would like St Mary’s church to reclaim tax on all donations made from now and in the last four years. 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. I give permission for my details to be stored on computer.

Signed:

Date:

If you are unsure whether this applies to you please see [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk). Please let the church know if your name or address change, or if you no longer pay enough tax. If you pay tax at a higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your self-assessment tax return.

**Banker’s order (for gifts from your bank account)**

To (name and address of your bank):

Post code:

Please pay to St Mary’s PCC at Yorkshire Bank, 19 St Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster, DN1 1SJ, sort code 05-04-16, account 52674173

the sum of £ .....  
(words and figures) on ..... day each month until further notice. The first payment is to be on the ..... day of ..... 20 \_\_

Your full name (capitals):

Your account number:

Sort code: \_\_ - \_\_ - \_\_

Your address:

Post code:

Signed:

Date: