

# **Excel in this grace of giving**

For the information of members  
of the Church and congregation

**Kidderminster Evangelical  
Church**

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## **Some Biblical Guidelines for Giving**

Give with integrity: neither trying to impress anyone, nor deceiving God and other people

**(see Matthew 6:1-4  
and Acts 5:1-11)**

Give generously: giving yourself first to the Lord

**(see 2 Corinthians 8:8-9,  
2 Corinthians 9:6)**

Give proportionately; contributing according to what you are able to do

**(see Luke 21:1-4,  
Acts 4:32-37  
And 2 Corinthians 8:11-15)**

Give in confidence; trusting and praying that your gift will be used wisely

**(see 2 Corinthians 8:20-21)**

Give without fear or anxiety:  
not doubting God's ability to meet all your needs in Christ

**(see Matthew 6:25-34,  
2 Corinthians 9:8-11  
and Philippians 4:19)**



How much you give is between you and the Lord. However, there are a number of ways to make your giving more effective:

❖ **Cash** is welcome if you don't have a bank account. Simply place your gift in the offering box. If you wish to designate your gift for a particular purpose, place it in a marked envelope.

❖ **Cheques** are preferable if you do have a bank account. These can be placed in the offering box and can also be designated for a particular purpose.

❖ **Standing orders** can be set up and will ensure your giving is regular and consistent.

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❖ **Internet banking** allows you to manage on-line payments and standing orders.

Please inform the Treasurer if Gift Aid or a restricted purpose applies to any electronic donation.

- ❖ **Gift Aid** allows tax to be recovered by the Church on the entire amount that an income or capital gains tax payer donates. A Declaration Form needs to be filled in to start things going.

Tax recovered on all your donations to charity in a particular tax year (i.e. to this Church plus other causes you support) must not exceed your total income and capital gains tax paid.

- ❖ **Identifying gifts** is essential if tax is to be reclaimed by the Church. For cash please use an envelope endorsed with the GAD number allocated to you and write it on the back of any cheques.

- ❖ **CAF and Stewardship** warrants can be used

- ❖ **Payroll** giving schemes are also available. These are managed via self-assessment tax returns. Like warrants, the church receives the gross amount.

- ❖ When the Church acts as a channel for **giving to outside causes**, this must be consistent with the Church's charitable objects ("the promotion of religion in accordance with its Declaration of Faith").

- ❖ **Tearfund, AIM, NTM, FEBA, SGA, OMF, UFM, BCM, UCCF and FIEC** are examples of causes we are happy to support.
- ❖ **Matters of a personal nature** related to giving are not disclosed to anyone other than for accounting or audit purposes.
- ❖ **Thanksgiving** for God's provision is part of the monthly Family Service but no offerings are taken up – an offering box is available. Cash and cheques are counted by 2 people after the Evening Service every Sunday.
- ❖ **Annual accounts** are prepared and examined by the Church's Honorary Accountant in line with Charity Commission (SORP) rules and guidance.
- ❖ The Church aims to give at least 12% of its income to **outside causes**.
- ❖ All **cheques** should be made out to "Kidderminster Evangelical Church" even if designated for outside causes.
- ❖ It will be assumed that your gift is for the Church's General Fund unless you indicate otherwise.
- ❖ We are unable to accept credit or debit cards.

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