

Giving tax-efficiently

Gift aid is a bonus to any money you give to a charity. Regular tax effective giving enables us to play a part in our community and in worldwide mission. Under government regulations all money given to a charity may benefit from a refund of tax that you might have already paid on your donation. If you are a taxpayer (paying sufficient income tax or capital gains tax to cover the amount to be recovered on your giving) please complete a Gift Aid form (available in church)

A single declaration will cover all your current and future gifts, both standing order and one-off gifts, and may be cancelled at any time. You will need to ensure that the total tax reclaimed on your gifts to charities in any one year does not exceed the amount of income tax or capital gains tax you pay in the same year.

Tax effective giving can be combined with a standing order. Alternatively, the Gift Aid Coordinator will let you have a pack of envelopes with your Gift Aid number on so that we can identify your giving. If you require these please tick the box on the gift aid declaration.

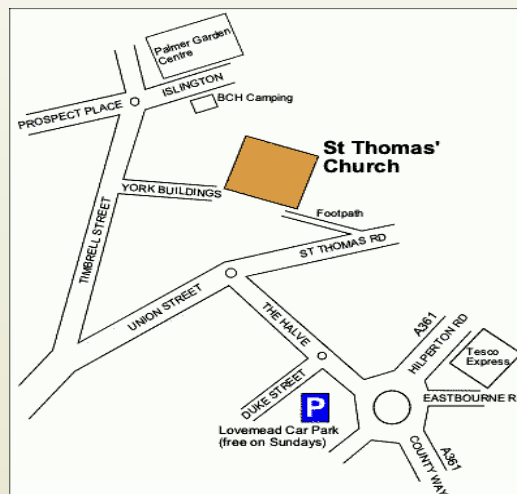
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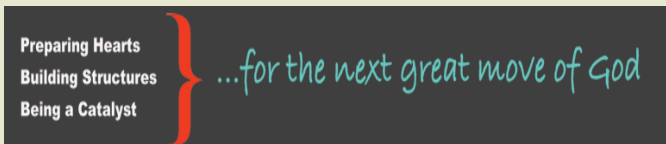


Giving at St. Thomas' Church

To bring Glory to God

*'Praise be to You, O Lord,
God of our Father Israel,
From everlasting to everlasting.
Yours, O Lord, is the greatness
and the power and the glory
and the majesty and the splendour,
For everything in heaven and earth is
Yours.'*

1 Chronicles 29: 10, 11



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How will your money be used?

At St Thomas' we recognise that our resources come from God for His greater glory. That means making Him known through looking upwards, outwards and blessing our community

Our vision is to 'prepare the hearts of the people and the structures of the church for the next great move of God in England.'

God has added the desire to be 'a catalyst for God's blessing in the Trowbridge area' as much of what we do is now done in partnership with other local church families acting together as one church in Trowbridge. Holy Trinity Church is playing a key part in this vision.

Of course this does not mean building an impressive church in worldly terms. God wants a spiritual progress: men, woman, young people and children who know the gospel of grace and are passionate about learning to live in His presence as wholehearted disciples.

To achieve this we aim to invest our finances with heavenly wisdom resourcing our ministries in the church, providing a place of worship for all people.

As part of God's expanding Kingdom, we always seek to rise to the financial implications with Faith and in a Biblical way. Consequently, we give at least 10% of our annual income to other missions and ministries at home and overseas

A Biblical Perspective

' Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!'

2 Corinthians 9: 15

This verse sums up the main motivation for Christian giving: thankfulness. We want to express our thanks to God for our salvation in Jesus and acknowledge that everything we have comes from him.

In a culture dominated by materialism and individualism, there is something distinctively radical about Christian giving. When Christians make sacrifices in order to benefit others they are living contrary to the spirit of our age. But why do we do this? King David observes in 1 Chronicles 29 that everything belongs to God. Therefore all our resources should be at God's disposal and used in His service; giving financially is one expression of this. 2 Corinthians 8 & 9 says Christian giving should be:

- **Motivated by Grace** (8:1-9) Christian giving is a response to the Gospel of Grace.
- **In proportion to our means** (8: 12-15) We give according to the riches God has given us.
- **Willing and cheerful** (9: 1-7) God loves a cheerful giver who gives gratefully in response to God.
- **A source of spiritual blessing** (9: 8-11) God promises that grace will abound as we give ourselves and resources generously in His service.
- **A source of thanksgiving to God** (9: 12-14) Christian giving is a huge source of encouragement to those who receive it.

• How you can give

Cheques And Cash

We do not take up a collection during the service at St Thomas', but gifts can be placed in the box or plate at the entrance to the church or posted to the church office. Cheques should be made payable to St Thomas' Church.

Standing order

If you like to give regularly, please consider setting up a bank payment —the easiest way to do this up is online - bank details are St Thomas Trowbridge, Sort code: 40 44 33 a/c no: 21223194

Gift Aid — the government's gift to charities, whereby we can reclaim income tax paid on donations - please see overleaf for more details.

Gift Aid Small Donation Scheme (GASDS): this scheme was introduced to complement the Gift Aid scheme - on any gift up to £20 (£30 from April 2019) given to us where we can't identify the donor (ie it isn't a cheque or marked in any way with the donor's name) we can reclaim the income tax that may have been paid on it.

Gift Aid and GASDS combined mean that we can reclaim £20,000+ each year

If you would like any more help / information re giving please have a word with our Treasurer. Pat Kerbey in church or on kerbeys@aol.com