

How much should I give?

That is a question only you can answer. What we want is for you to feel welcome and happy here and there is certainly no minimum subscription fee! We give to our church for a number of reasons:

- We want the church to be able to pay its bills so that the work of the church can continue
- We know our gift will help the church care for people in this parish and far away
- We want to thank God for his love to us in Jesus and give as a way of saying thank you

Our advice is to give a gift you feel happy with now, not something you might resent or begrudge. The most important thing as you join the scheme is to give that gift regularly through your envelope.

Each year we encourage all church members to review their giving. So start by giving something regularly and let your giving grow from there.

What we promise you will find is an increasing freedom and joy as you grow in your giving.



Should all my giving go to the church?

All charities do fabulous work and we hope you do give to other charities apart from the church. The Church of England recommendation is half of our giving to the local church and half to Christian and other charities.

Your church is a special place; you come to worship, to learn about Jesus and grow in your faith. We belong to a wider group of churches in the Diocese and we help support each other in ministry costs through the parish share. So we think that giving to the local church should be the first call on your giving, just as worship each Sunday should be the first call on our time each week.

Once again, thank you for your support for the ministry here, not only in financial terms, but your time and your prayer.

Your contribution makes a difference and we thank you and thank God for you!

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St Faith's Church
Great Crosby

THE
PLANNED GIVING
SCHEME

So what is Planned Giving?

You have probably seen lots of people putting an envelope on the collection plate – that is planned giving. We give you a pack of our special church envelopes, one for each week of the year. You decide what you want to give, pop it into the envelope each week and put it on the collection plate – simple as that!

- Planned giving helps you decide what to give to the Church each week
- It helps you to be regular in your giving. In the Sunday morning rush it is easy to forget our gift to God's work
- It helps us to give what is right for us to give; not what is left over at the end of the weekend
- It helps you plan your giving instead of being caught out when the plate comes round!



Your Questions Answered

Will anyone know what I give each week?

No-one at all. The envelopes are numbered and not named and no one who opens them will know who uses that envelope number. The only time anyone knows what you give is if you Gift Aid your gift – and then only one person in the church will know. There are more details on Gift Aid in this leaflet.

So what is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows charities to claim back the tax you have paid on your gift to the church. For every £100 you give, the church can claim £28 extra – absolutely free! It cost you nothing for us to claim and all you have to do is to sign a declaration. More details are available on a special Gift Aid leaflet.

When you Gift Aid, one person in the church has to make the claim to the Inland Revenue. That person is the only person in the church who puts names to envelope numbers – and that is just once a year when the claim is made.

Can I stop taking envelopes?

Of course. Your situation might change, you might move away or plan your giving by standing order. Simply ask the Planned Giving Secretary and your name will be taken off the list. You will not receive any envelopes next year.

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I do not come every week – so what I do?

Lots of people ask this question! Envelopes are about planned giving, deciding to give an amount each week. So if you cannot be in church simply put the usual gift for God's work in St Faith's church into the envelope for the week and then bring that and any other envelopes next time you are in church. It really is not a problem if you put extra envelopes in one Sunday!

Can I plan my giving by standing order?

Certainly – in fact it really helps the Treasurer if people do give by standing order. A Standing Order form is available if you decide to plan your giving this way.

The Treasurer is David Jones, 65 Dunbar Road, Southport, PR8 4RJ.

