

Ever wondered who funds the activities of Church on Berryfields?

We do! The people who consider CoB their spiritual home and church family. Your friends sitting either side of you help us do what we do; without our joint heartfelt generosity then this church wouldn't exist.

Our expenditure is made up of our Sunday expenses, lettings, paying Gemma as our Children's & Families minister, youth and children's activities, large events we undertake, equipment expenditure, digital advertising, web presence and paying towards our vicar.

We also as a church tithe our income (passing on 10% of what comes in), to other missions and organizations, and members of Church on Berryfields who are undertaking short-term mission work.

Unlike charities, CoB only has it's own church family to ask for support - it's entirely funded by us (we don't get money from the Government or Church of England). So it's vital that a significant percentage of our giving is focused here on our activities on Berryfields

As a church family our financial giving is a big part of how we worship and give glory to our risen King and join him on His bringing in His kingdom here in Berryfields and beyond.

What does the Bible say about money and giving ?

Did you know Jesus talked a lot about money, after all it's an important element of life. 16 of his 38 parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. An amazing 1 in 10 verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. Above all though, Jesus teaches that what matters, is a generous heart and taking action. The Bible teaches us that our giving should be:

- **PRIORITY** - the principle of setting aside the 'first fruits/part' of what comes in, in response to God's generosity to us, rather than what's left at the end
- **PROPORTIONATE** - an amount according to our means and other commitments; the Bible gives the example of tithing (10% of our income) as an encouragement to generosity
- **REGULAR** - week/month/quarter so it actually happens and so the church can plan wisely
- and **CHEERFUL** (2Cor.9:7) - something of which we need be neither boastful, proud or ashamed

Frequently Asked Questions? How Much?

The Bible doesn't give a formula for giving; instead it calls us to have a spirit of generosity - this is more important than a number! That said, the biblical practice of tithing (10% of income) is given as a point for prayer with the underlying principle being 'give first to the Lord'. We suggest each person pray about their circumstances and then give the amount they feel at peace with; God doesn't want us heavily in debt!

What if I'm on Benefits or Low Income?

God wants us to be cheerful givers, so pray about it and see how he guides you, He may put a figure into your mind that you feel at peace about. Each of us should give wisely and relative to our individual circumstances. Whatever we decide to give, if it's regular, planned and done cheerfully then it brings honour to God and one another.

giftaid it Take Advantage of Tax Efficient Giving

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Church on Berryfields operates within the St Mary's CofE Parish in Aylesbury and comes under their charitable status, so it's possible for tax to be reclaimed on charitable giving.

If you are a tax-payer ensure you fill in the Gift Aid declaration so that we can reclaim the tax you have already paid, at no extra cost to yourself. You do not have to disclose details of your income or tax affairs to use the scheme.

Once you have signed a declaration all future gifts are also covered.

Please complete and return both sections to our Treasurer (Martin Lucas) at Church on Berryfields

Martin Lucas (CoB Treasurer) 30 Morgan Drive, Berryfields, Aylesbury, Bucks HP18 0HZ

Pledge Form & Gift Aid Declaration

Church on Berryfields operates within the parish of St Mary's Aylesbury who are a registered charity (no.1133973)

Title _____ Forename _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

I wish to give £ _____ to Church on Berryfields each **Week/Month/Quarter/One-Off** (*please circle*)

I would like to support the work of Church on Berryfields and will make this gift by standing order. Please tick one option below:

- I've completed the form opposite
- I will activate this using my online banking
- I will make arrangements with the Treasurer

Please commence this from (date): _____

Charity Gift Aid Declaration *giftaid it*

- Please treat as a Gift Aid donation this and all future qualifying gifts of money
- I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I understand that I must pay an amount of Income or Capital Gains Tax in the tax year at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities I donate to, will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax don't qualify. I understand that CoB will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I've given.

Signed _____ Date _____

BANK STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To the Manager of _____

_____ Bank/Building Society

Branch Title _____

Please pay to Church on Berryfields:

Sort Code **30-98-90** Acct Numb **15173760**

Lloyds Bank, 7 Carter St, Uffoxeter, Staffs ST14 8HD

the Sum of £ _____

each **Week/Month/Quarter/Year** (*please circle*) Until further notice

Weekly day, Monthly date or Quarterly date which monies are to be paid to CoB _____

Commencing on the _____ date

My Account Name _____

My Account Number _____

My Bank's Sort Code _____

My Address _____

Postcode _____

Signatures _____

Date _____

- Is this to make a change to an existing standing order instruction? Then please tick here

Church on Berryfields

living life to the full



GENEROUS HEARTS

Planned Giving for helping grow God's Kingdom in Berryfields

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