

giving...



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CHRISTCHURCH
Banstead

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GIVING TO CHRISTCHURCH BANSTEAD

Our ministry at ChristChurch Banstead is reliant entirely on the giving of our church members; we do not receive funding from any external source. We do not take a formal collection in our services for ourselves and we don't charge for any of our outreach or mission events. We share the Gospel with our friends and neighbours freely and without hindrance, just as Jesus and the Apostles did before us.

At the same time, the church pays out over £30,000 every month for ministry work and it is thanks to Spirit inspired giving of church members that we are able to continue the Lord's work, supporting the ministry workers here in Banstead, our overseas missionaries and mission partners. As you would expect there is a wide range of giving; some can only give a little and others a lot. Every contribution is needed, every gift helps. We are also a growing church and face a constant financial challenge as there is a need to bring new staff onto the team and extend the ministry work, maintain the premises and replace equipment where necessary. So our overall giving as a church and as a church fellowship needs to grow!



GIVING IS PART OF BEING A DISCIPLE AND GOOD FOR US

We encourage all church members and those who regularly worship at ChristChurch Banstead to give wisely out of the resources that God has provided, and keep their giving under review.

It is helpful to consider supporting the Lord's work financially in the context of 2 Corinthians 8:9 'For 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.' Sacrificial giving for the Gospel is good for us and a mark of spiritual maturity. Every Christian should therefore aim to give regularly to their church for ministries at home and abroad. It will be costly, but it pleases our Heavenly Father and many at our church can testify to the joy that comes from giving generously, seeing others won for the Lord and bearing fruit in their lives.

More explanation on the grace of giving is found in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 as a whole. It is well worth prayerfully studying these chapters when considering whether and what to give. Some key principles are that we should give:

OUR MISSION AND VISION

ChristChurch Banstead is *all about Jesus*. We want to obey the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and make disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus. This involves three elements: *going* for Jesus, *winning* people to Jesus, and *growing* in Jesus - in Banstead, Britain, and beyond. We do all this with Jesus' authority, knowing His presence through His Spirit, until He returns in glory.

Go for Jesus



Helping our congregations to go prayerfully to their family and friends, neighbours and community, colleagues and acquaintances to connect with them, love them and serve them in the name of Jesus.

This involves...

- Encouraging the congregation to form intentional friendships and networks with non-Christians in Banstead and the surrounding area and through work, etc
- Sending and supporting ministry and mission beyond Banstead
- Ministry training

Win to Jesus



Prayerfully proclaiming the whole Gospel of God from the Bible and bringing people to a saving knowledge of the grace of God in Jesus.

This involves...

- Equipping believers to speak boldly, persuasively, and winsomely about Jesus
- Encouraging attractive Jesus-centred living
- Making and taking opportunities to speak of Jesus wherever we are and especially through local and work-based networks and Gospel partnerships

Grow in Jesus



Prayerfully teach and model obedience to Jesus, equipping people to be disciples of Jesus in every area of their lives, and supporting each other in love through fellowship and partnership.

This involves:

- Growing into the likeness of Jesus
- Serving Jesus in the church and world
- Helping those in need, especially the family of believers, in the name of Jesus
- Encouraging service of Jesus in time, energy, and finance

How should I review my giving?

It is helpful to keep your giving under review and to consider maybe twice a year (say in March and September or January and June, whichever suits your circumstances) whether or not you are able to increase your monthly giving. There might be other times when you receive a windfall or bonus or other lump sum from which you can make an additional thank offering to the church.

If you are able to do so, please adjust your standing order accordingly or complete the enclosed form as appropriate and check with the Finance Team if your gift can be used for a specific purpose.

May I speak to someone?

We appreciate that giving to the church for the first time, or substantially increasing your financial commitments to the church, can be a difficult decision. It may help you to chat through the principles and issues, and to hear other Christians talk about their personal experience of giving and making regular and one-off gifts to the church.

If you would like to discuss further (in confidence), please contact:

Andrew Grimstone (Church Treasurer; 07711 776110; agrimstone@sky.com)

Lorraine Sulliman (Ministry and Finance Assistant; 07803 709010)

Joanna Grimstone (Church Accountant; 07713 853090)

Fred Paton (Mission Fund Treasurer; 01737 356371; fpaton@btinternet.com)

With our grateful thanks,

Andrew Grimstone, Treasurer

On behalf of the ChristChurch Banstead Oversight Team



- **Sacrificially** (8:1-2) accepting the personal cost
- **Generously** (8:3-7) as much as we are able for the salvation of others
- **Gratefully** (8:8-9) for Christ became poor that we might be rich in Him
- **Realistically** (8:10-12) according to our capacity
- **Equally** (8:13-15) giving of our plenty to help others
- **Carefully** (8:16-24) so that we are good stewards of God's money
- **Actually** (9:1-5) to ensure that our practice matches our claims and promises
- **Freely** (9:6-7) without compulsion or reluctance but cheerfully
- **Confidently** (9:8-11) knowing that God will always supply our genuine needs
- **Encouragingly** (9:12-17) so others give praise to God for what He does through us

We operate a General Fund, a Mission Fund and a Development Fund as set out below. Many people give to all the Funds, but the needs and priorities change, so do ask a member of the Finance Team if you would appreciate further guidance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Which Funds should I give to?

General Fund: For the support of the Lord's work through the church here in Banstead. It covers support of the local ministry team and staff, the church building and fellowship, and also the costs of the church office and community outreach (eg Open Week, events, hospitality). Our Church Treasurer Andrew Grimstone can provide details of the current needs and priorities.

Mission Fund: For the work beyond Banstead in the United Kingdom and overseas by: (i) supporting our own missionaries (Terry and Christine Miller and their family in Spain, Rick and Alanna Creighton and their family in Nigeria, and Gordana Jurkovic in Bosnia) and our mission partners (Roger Carswell, Fiona Castle, Waseem Kohkar and Gareth and Malou Bolton); and (ii) making grants to mission societies, trainees from the church and mission related projects. Our Mission Fund Treasurer Fred Paton can provide details of the current needs and priorities.

Development Fund: For the financing required to secure the Manse for our Senior Pastor, and for the eventual redevelopment of the whole 150-160 High Street site. Details of the loans needing repayment and plans and costing for each remaining phase of the church site redevelopment can be obtained from Andrew Grimstone.

Who will know what I give?

All details of giving to the church (who gives what and when) are kept strictly confidential by the Church Treasurer and members of the Finance Team. The Oversight Team is updated on overall levels of giving and responses to appeals, including numbers of respondents, but names and amounts are never discussed.

How can I give?

Standing Order: This is probably the most efficient way to give for those who can make a regular monthly (or quarterly) commitment. A standing order involves an instruction to your bank or your building society to pay a fixed amount on a monthly or quarterly basis. You can increase or decrease the amount given by submitting a revised form to your bank, or cancel the instruction at any time.



Each Fund has a separate bank account, details of which are set out below and in the enclosed form (One-off Gifts and Standing Orders), so that you can set up payments online or with your bank directly (by telephone if you have telephone banking or in the branch):

CCB General Fund: Barclays Bank plc, sort code 20-24-64, account 33129330
CCB Mission Fund: Barclays Bank plc, sort code 20-24-64, account 73092232
CCB Development Fund: Barclays Bank plc, sort code 20-24-64, account 93743764

Whether you use internet banking or not, please would you let the Church Treasurer or a member of the Finance Team know so that they can keep our records up to date and support the Leadership Team in planning ahead.

Cheques or Cash: Not everyone is able to make a standing order, and cheques or cash gifts are just as welcome. Cash and cheques should be placed into the brown collection boxes located near the church auditorium entrance doors. Gifts will be added to the General Fund unless you mark your gift for the Mission Fund or Development Fund.

Legacies: Historically the church has benefited from a few very substantial legacy gifts which have been directed to the church by members in their wills (whether cash proceeds from their properties or other assets). There are tax benefits from giving in this way to the church. If you would like further details of legacy giving or to understand how the church can benefit from making provision in your will, please contact the Andrew Grimstone or Fred Paton.

How does Gift Aid help?

Charities are able to reclaim some of the tax you pay to the Government as a result of your giving and, as Christians, it is good stewardship to make the best use of this generous relief. Under the Gift Aid scheme, if you are a UK taxpayer, the church can recover an amount of tax currently equal to 25% of what you give. For example, if you give the church a gift of £1,000 together with a Gift Aid declaration, we will be able to claim back £250. So the cost to you will only be £1,000 but the church will received £1,250 in total! There is no minimum limit for Gift Aid donations and all gifts qualify for relief (whether large or small, regular or one-off, and regardless of which Fund). There is no requirement to commit for any minimum length of time.

Conditions: You have to be a taxpayer and the amount of tax you pay in total (whether at lower, basic or higher rate on your income and capital gains) must be equal to or greater than that tax the charities will reclaim on your gifts to them (ie, currently 25% of what you give).

Please note: Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) requires the church to be able to keep track of all charitable donations on which Gift Aid is claimed, so we ask all those who give under Gift Aid to use a Standing Order or cheques as they can be tracked. Additionally, we'll send you a summary of your giving annually that should help you with your tax return.

What next?: Please complete and return the enclosed Gift Aid declaration to our Church Accountant, Joanna Grimstone. This one declaration covers all of your giving to the General Fund, Mission Fund and/or the Development Fund. It is valid until you choose to cancel it.

Remember: Please notify the Church Accountant if you change your name or address while the declaration is in force or, If you no longer pay enough tax to cover the amount of tax that the church reclaims, you should cancel the declaration by notifying the Church Accountant.

