



**emmanuelchurch**

# Giving

Information on supporting gospel  
ministry at Emmanuel Church

*Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7,8*

In a culture dominated by materialism and individualism, there is something radical about Christian giving. Christian giving arises because everything belongs to God and our resources are at His disposal to be used for His service – financial giving is just one expression of this.

The Old Testament people of God gave a tithe of ten per cent which many Christians still find a useful benchmark of their own giving but the New Testament teaches much more about giving. One of the passages most focussed on giving is in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9. Some principles of Christian giving that come out of these verses are:

- Giving sacrificially may be appropriate (8:3)
- Giving springs from a relationship with God first (8:5)
- It is part of our grateful response to God's grace (8:7-9)
- We should match our actions to our willingness to give (8:10)
- We should give realistically (according to means (8:10)
- Giving is about sharing of our resources in an equitable way (8:14)
- Our corporate giving should be a means through which we encourage others (9:4-5; 9:13-14)
- We should give generously (9:6)
- We should give willingly and cheerfully (9:7)

If you would like to think more about **why** give, there's a short booklet by John Stott entitled *The Grace of Giving* available on Sundays.

## Gift Aid Declaration

### Details of donor

Title ..... Forename(s) .....

Surname .....

Address .....

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Post Code .....

I want Emmanuel Church to treat

\*the enclosed donation of £ ..... as a Gift Aid donation

\*the donation(s) of £ .....which I made on

...../...../..... as (a) Gift Aid donation (s)

\*all donations that I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations

\*all donations I have made for the six years prior to this year, (but no earlier than 6/4/2000) and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations.

*\*delete which options do not apply*

Detach here and send to church treasurer

You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year (currently 28p for each £1 you give).

I confirm I am a UK taxpayer and understand I must inform Emmanuel Church if my situation changes.

Signature .....

Date .....

*NOTES*

1. You can cancel this Declaration at any time by notifying Emmanuel Church.
2. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the charity reclaims, you can cancel your declaration.
3. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
4. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask Emmanuel Church. Or, refer to help sheet IR65 on the HMRC web site. ([www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk))
5. Please notify Emmanuel Church if you change your name or address.

There are several different ways of giving to Emmanuel Church. Most regular givers give via monthly standing order. From the church's point of view this gives stability and security to our monthly income. In this leaflet is a detachable sheet that you can use to send to your bank to set up a standing order.

We recognise that not everyone is in a position to commit to give regularly. One-off donations can be made in cash or by cheque in the Gift Box at the back of church. We have made a decision not to have a collection during the church service.

Whether you give regularly or are giving a one-off gift, if you are a UK taxpayer and sign a Gift Aid Declaration, the value of your gift can be increased by Emmanuel Church claiming back tax that you have paid on that gift. For every 78p you donate, Emmanuel can claim the 22p tax you have paid. This means if you donate £100 we can reclaim an additional £28.20.

If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you too can benefit from tax relief by claiming back the difference between the basic rate of tax and the higher rate of tax ( $40 - 22 = 18\%$ ). You need to do this through your annual self-assessment - speak to your local tax office on the procedures.

If you would like to Gift Aid your donation, please complete the Gift Aid declaration and return it to Martin Christian or post in the Gift Box at the back of church. Please contact Martin with any questions. All information about giving is treated in the strictest confidence.

This leaflet now gives practical information on how to give to Emmanuel and for tax-payers, how giving can be more efficient by allowing the church to reclaim Gift Aid.

**How is Emmanuel Church funded?**

Emmanuel Church has no regular external support. Although we have received a few one-off grants, we are not part of a diocese or other affiliation and the church's regular income is solely from the giving of its members and regular attenders.

**How is money used that is donated to Emmanuel?**

We will endeavour to use all money given to Emmanuel Church in line with our aims to build up, to reach and to send out: building up the body of Christ, reaching out with good outreach events to bring the Gospel to those within our community who don't know it and sending out those from among us to proclaim the Gospel further afield.

We are aiming to give away 10% of our income to churches and projects who share our aims and priorities.

**How can I find out more about the church's finances?**

We are obliged to be open about the income and expenditure of the church. These details are shared regularly at Members' Meetings. It's worth also reiterating that details of anyone's giving are confidential to them and the Treasurer: no-one else at Emmanuel knows who gives or how much anyone gives.

Detach here and send to your bank

**Bank Standing Order - Instructions to my bank**

My name .....

My address .....

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From the account below, please deduct £ .....

Every:            month            quarter year  
(delete as appropriate)

Commencing on .....

Name and address of bank .....

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Account number .....            Sort code .....

Pay this sum to Emmanuel Church.

Account number: 10126518. Sort code: 16-14-18

Royal Bank of Scotland, 189 Bramcote Lane, Wollaton,  
Nottingham. NG8 2QJ.

Signature .....

Date .....