

# Practical ways to financially support St Michael's Church

People can be surprised by how much it costs to run a church and that as a local church we have to be self-funding. In 2016, the income required to match our estimated expenditure is expected to be about £151,000.

To help the church to budget, there are two ways in which individuals can regularly contribute:

- By setting up a regular standing order or
- by agreeing to place a specified sum in weekly envelopes that are placed on the Sunday collection plate.

In both cases it means, irrespective of frequency of attendance at church, your pledged amount will be donated.

As-alternatives for individuals who prefer not to give on a regular basis, then there are the options of donating on the open plate, filling in a blue gift aid envelope (usually located in the pews), or making transfers directly from their bank account to the church bank account.

When an individual is a UK Tax Payer there is potential for the Church to claim Gift Aid on the amounts paid which allows an extra 25p to be recovered from the Government for every £1 donated. Please refer to the link below for more information.

[Tax relief when you donate to a charity - GOV.UK](#)



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Tax relief on donations, Gift Aid, payroll giving, leaving a gift in your will, keeping tax records; find a charity; donating land, property or shares

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If you are a UK tax payer and you complete a Gift Aid Declaration form, then we will be able to claim this tax back on donations made by you - provided we can identify you as the giver i.e. not cash on the open plate.

Confidentiality is respected at all times with information available only primarily to the Stewardship Secretary and occasionally the Church Treasurer in line with the requirements of their roles.

If you wish to begin to support St Michael's Church financially and require a Gift Aid Declaration form, or wish to review your current commitments, or need more information, please contact either:

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