

## Why Give?

### **In reaction to God's grace**

God has shown his great love for sinful and unworthy people like us, in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Having received such undeserved generosity we should be motivated to give generously in response. We are to be like God - ready not reluctant givers, for God loves a cheerful giver.

### **In recognition of God's gifts**

Giving is not limited to financial giving. God has given us all we need to give generously but not all of us can give financially. God wants us to be generous not just with our money but with our time, energy, skills, property and homes. If we have received God's abundant grace then we all have something to give generously. Sometimes these other things are harder to give than money.

### **In response to needs and priorities**

Paul encourages the Corinthian Christians to give generously to a collection for other Christians in great poverty. God's priorities are that his people should come first in our giving: those who teach the word of God (1 Tim 5:17), those in need in our church (James 1:27, 1 Tim 5:8ff) and those in need in other churches (2 Cor 8-9). The needs may be local (eg the ministry at the Fleet Street Talks) or further afield (in the UK or abroad).

## How to Give?

### **Abundantly**

Paul stresses the abundant nature of God's giving towards us so that we may give abundantly in response. God is able to make grace abound to you, so that in **all** things at **all** times, having **all** that you need, you will abound in **every** good work. The Old Testament commanded a tithe (10% of income). The New Testament is far more radical: we are to be generous givers of all we have. Some will give far more than 10% of their income, others less.

### **Thoughtfully**

Each person should give what they have decided in their heart to give. We need to think carefully about what resources we have been given, what our responsibilities are and how we can give money in the most effective way.

### **Joyfully**

God loves a cheerful giver. It's easy to give for the wrong reasons - to relieve our guilt, to avoid other avenues of Christian service, to be seen to be generous by others. Paul tells us that God loves a joyful and big-hearted response to all that he has lavished on us.

Fleet Street talks

**Supporting the Ministry Financially**

**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 (ESV)***

**If you would like to support the ministry of the Fleet Street Talks, please complete both of the adjacent forms and return to the FST Treasurer**

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**All donations are processed by St Helen's church and "ring-fenced" for the Fleet Street Talks**

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### Conditions for Gift Aid

- There is no minimum amount or minimum term for Gift Aid.
- To qualify for Gift Aid tax relief you must pay UK income and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax redeemed on your donations.

If you are unsure whether you qualify, please contact the Giving Secretary via the St Helen's Church Office (tel: 020 7283 2231).

### Making Donations

Donations may be made by bank standing order, cheque, direct bank transfer or cash.

### Reclaiming Tax

The church can reclaim the basic rate of tax you have paid on your donations when we receive your signed Gift Aid declaration.

If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief when submitting your annual tax return. We cannot do this on your behalf.

### Changes in your situation

You may cancel your declaration at any time by notifying the Treasurer. It is your responsibility to notify the Treasurer of any changes to your name, address and particularly any changes in your tax situation which would invalidate your Gift Aid Declaration.

### Gift Aid Declaration

For St Helen's Church (Fleet Street Talks)  
Please write clearly in block capitals.

Title: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr) \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

I want the Parochial Church Council of St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate to treat as Gift Aid donations (tick as appropriate):

- All donations made from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise
- The enclosed single donation to St Helen's Church (Fleet Street Talks) of £ \_\_\_\_\_
- The donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ which I made on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

I am a current UK taxpayer and I understand that in the tax year in which I make the donation(s) specified in this declaration I need to have paid sufficient UK tax to cover any repayment claimed by St Helen's Church on the donation(s) specified in this declaration.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to:  
St Helen's Church (Fleet Street Talks)

### Please return this form to:

The Treasurer  
Fleet Street Talks  
21 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1AA

In completing this Gift Aid Declaration and/or the Standing Order you agree that Fleet Street Talks and St Helen's Church may collect, store and use any personal information with which you may provide us, for the purposes of administering your gift and complying with any requests for information from the Inland Revenue and for the purpose of providing you with information about our current and future programme of activities.

### Standing Order Form

For St Helen's Church (Fleet Street Talks)  
Please write clearly in block capitals.

To the Manager of  
(your bank): \_\_\_\_\_  
(branch address): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (post code): \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay:  
The Parochial Church Council of St Helen's Church,  
Great St Helen's, London EC3A 6AT  
Account Number 15525295  
At Nat West Bank PLC (Sort Code: 50-00-00)  
PO Box 34, 15 Bishopsgate, London EC2P 2AP

The sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (in figures)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (in words)  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
(date of first payment) and on the same date in  
each succeeding month / quarter / year for  
\_\_\_\_\_ months / until \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_/ or  
until further notice (delete/complete as applicable)

Please debit my account:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (your bank account no.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (your bank sort code)

Please cancel my existing standing order to St Helen's Church (tick if this applies)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please do not send this form to your bank**