



GIVING FOR GOSPEL GROWTH

2024



GIVE OUT OF LOVE ❤️ FOR JESUS

There was a woman who poured out a jar of very expensive perfume on Jesus' head and feet. The onlookers were mad, 'That could have been given to the poor' they said. But Jesus was honoured:

"She has done a beautiful thing for me" ¹

Here was someone so in love with Jesus that she couldn't think of a way she would rather spend her money. Here is real worship and devotion.

This woman's act of love is recorded in the bible and known all across the world and through the ages. Here is an example of Christian giving! It should always be our greatest delight!²

1. Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:1-11, Luke 7:36-50, John 12:1-11

2. 2 Corinthians 9:7



GIVE AS A DECLARATION OF YOUR CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

Jesus said: 'No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.'¹

Whether we have a little or a lot of money, we declare to God that it has no hold on our life by giving it away.

When we do that we discover a freedom we never thought possible and we find that the God we trust provides for all our needs just as he promised.

1. Matthew 6.25-34



GIVE TO THE GREATEST CAUSE

The world is full of need. There are many great things to give our time and resources to. But the deepest need of every human heart is to love and trust the God who made them, loves them and died for them.

*Jesus said: 'What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, but forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?'*¹

The church is on a unique mission to tell anyone and everyone that their life is of unmeasurable worth to God and that to gain Him is more important than gaining the whole world.

It's why we lay down our lives to serve the poorest, reach to the margins and seek out the lonely.

No one else has that message.
We do.

1. Mark 8:36–37



GIVE SACRIFICIALLY

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Jesus shows us what it means to give. In the story of the penniless widow,¹ Jesus makes it clear that God knows when we're making a sacrifice with our money (and when we're not!). The rich gave a lot but it didn't touch their lifestyle. The poor widow gave two coins (very little), but it was all she had.

The actual amount we give is of no consequence to God; he owns the whole world and everything in it.² So don't jump straight in to thinking about how much to give before first praying and asking the deeper questions of the heart.

1. Mark 12:41–44

2. Psalm 50:7-12



REASSURANCES

1. Church finances are administered by the PCC (Parochial Church Council). PCC members are trustees and bound by charity law in their handling of funds as for any other charitable organisation.
2. Church expenditure goes through varying levels of scrutiny (detailed in our payment policy) to ensure it is spent wisely on mission and ministry needs in accordance with our church vision. Accounts are audited independently and presented to the church members at the annual meeting for transparency.
3. The clergy are employed by the diocese and their pay is set by national frameworks. In other words, there is no way clergy in the CofE can be rewarded for running financially healthy churches by the PCC or otherwise.

For other questions you may have or for more information please contact us: hello@stjohnssouthend.org



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A FEW EXTRA NOTES

1. Simply put, there is no big Church of England money pot which funds local churches. All of the ministry and mission of St John's is paid for by its giving members. We are currently helped by a one-off grant which covers staff costs until August 2025.
2. Please give by regular standing order as a way to discipline yourself in giving, to commit to the vision of the church in an ongoing way and to support the PCC as it plans and budgets for growth.
3. Please complete a gift aid form and return it to the office so that money you've paid in tax can be reclaimed meaning that every £1 in giving becomes £1.25 or every £100 becomes £125.
4. One-off gifts can be given by cash or card in the church building or by visiting our website stjohnssouthend.org/giving

HOW TO GIVE BY STANDING ORDER



**Set up a standing
order online**

Visit our website
stjohnssouthend.org/giving

Or do it yourself, using the
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St John the Baptist PCC
Acc Number: 00775280
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**Set up a standing
order on paper**

Fill out a standing order
form available from the
church office.

Post this to your bank or
hand it in at your nearest
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GIFT AID FORM

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years.

I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of income tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6th April to 5th April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all of the charities (including churches) and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give.

Full Name

Address & postcode

Signature

Date

Please notify the church if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or Capital Gains. Gift aid is linked to the basic rate tax. Basic rate tax is currently 20% which currently allows charities to reclaim 25 pence on the pound.

Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic and higher rate or additional rate tax. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue Customs to adjust your tax code.

**TO BE A CHURCH OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE
TRUSTING AND FOLLOWING JESUS, LOVING AND
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COMMUNITIES AND ESTABLISHING INNOVATIVE
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GREATEST JOY AND TO THE GLORY OF GOD**