

# Contributing to Parish Finances

A number of parishioners have asked how they can give financial support to the Parish when not able to attend Mass in person, including during the current period of church closures.

The Archdiocese has made available on the following link - <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>:

1. a standing order form for parishioners who would like to donate by standing order, including by internet banking
2. a new online giving facility for parishioners who may prefer not to set up standing order

For your convenience, the relevant guidance given by the Archdiocese is shown below in italics.

## 1. STANDING ORDER

*NB: If you have internet banking you don't need to fill in the standing order section of the form, please obtain your parish's bank details direct from the parish and set up a new standing order online.*

*OTHERWISE:*

*1 Download the form and print it.*

*2 Fill in your bank account details and how much you wish to give etc. and sign it.*

*3 Then either contact your parish for the parish bank account details and add them in and post the form to your bank OR post the form to your parish and they will complete the parish section and will then post the form to your bank.*

*4 If you post the form to your bank yourself it would be helpful to let your parish know so that they can watch out for your donations to ensure all is well.*

For security reasons **we are advised not publish parish bank details** and parishioners are therefore asked to contact me (Neil MacIntosh) directly to get parish bank account details if required.

In the current circumstances rather than add further postal delays and forms etc passing through many hands, **please post completed standing order mandates direct to your bank and let me know the details as Parish Gift Aid Organiser.**

## Gift Aid for Standing Orders

*If you are a tax payer, paying sufficient tax, please consider Gift Aid. In which case please complete the Gift Aid form ensuring that it is dated on or before the date of your first payment. If you don't need to post your standing order form to the parish, you can scan the Gift Aid form and send it to the parish, or alternatively, just hand it in when we are allowed to go back to Mass.*

Completed Gift Aid forms can be scanned and sent to me or handed in later.

A current Gift Aid donor **does not** need to complete a Gift Aid Declaration.

## **What is Gift Aid?**

Gift Aid is a scheme enabling registered charities to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer, effectively increasing the amount of the donation. The scheme is of significant value to the parish. We are very grateful to parishioners who already participate in the Gift Aid scheme: if you do not currently use the scheme, and you are a UK taxpayer, please do consider this as a way to increase the value of your donation at no extra cost to you.

## **2. ONLINE GIVING FACILITY**

If you prefer not to set up a standing order, please use the new online giving facility by clicking the **DONATE** button on the link - <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work>

To ensure that your donation is made to our parish, **please use the drop down menu on the second page for 'Donating to' to select 'Goring on Thames'** regardless of whether you are a member of the Goring or the Woodcote congregation.

Thank you for your continued support of the parish, it is very much appreciated.

Neil

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