

GIVING



**High Street
Methodist
Church
Harpenden**



Information for new people at High Street on the ways in which you can support the work of the Church.

Existing pledged givers may also find it helpful in re-considering the level at which they support the Church.



GIVING - STEWARDSHIP

- We are merely stewards of the talents, time and money with which God has blessed us
- Giving money is a key way in which we share in the mission of the Church and support its work at High Street and beyond
- Stewardship (pledged giving) is a way in which each of us considers, prayerfully, how much we are going to give to God's work out of all that God has given us
- Making a pledged giving commitment enables High Street to plan its work, maintain its property for the benefit of all those who worship, and to reclaim Gift Aid where applicable
- Some financial facts about High Street are summarised on the facing page
- Ways in which you can give, including by way of a pledged giving commitment, are summarised on the back page
- A bank standing order form and Gift Aid Declaration are enclosed for completion and return to our Pledged Giving Secretary. Envelopes are supplied by:

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Rosemoor, 1a Oakwood Drive, Harpenden AL5 2LR
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FINANCIAL FACTS

- High Street does not have guaranteed income streams from sources other than its congregation and its own efforts or from the use of its own assets
- Our current running costs are around £278,000 per year
- Some £208,000 (75%) of these costs are covered by pledged giving, collections and tax reclaimed via Gift Aid
- A significant number of the congregation do not pledge to give regularly to the church
 - Two-thirds is given by a relatively small number of those who pledge many of whom are over 70 years old
 - A much smaller proportion is given by those under 50 years old
 - We are, therefore, vulnerable to the age profile of our pledged givers, although this has been improving over the last two years
- In recent years there has been little income from legacies
- Whilst those members of the congregation who do not pledge may contribute via the collection plate, we cannot maximise Gift Aid income from this source
- Currently, the books are balanced from rents, letting income, other donations and revenue from Wesleys

GIVING AT HIGH STREET

Our vision at High Street is to transform lives, relationships and communities in this world by the love of God in Jesus Christ. All of our ministries at the Church are financed through the generosity of its congregation. If you would like to give to High Street Methodist Church there are several ways to do so:

HOW TO PLEDGE TO GIVE REGULARLY?

Pledged Giving Form: Complete the enclosed form and return it to John Harris via the church office or direct to his address

Standing Order: Giving by this method enables us to plan the future with confidence, and is the most effective way of supporting the work of High Street. A Bank mandate is enclosed for completion and return to John Harris via the church office or direct to his address.

Weekly Envelopes: To give regularly in the weekly church collection numbered envelopes can be provided by John Harris into which your donation can be made anonymously

Bank Transfer: To make a bank transfer please use the details below, ensuring that your name is included so that any Gift Aid can be reclaimed

Account Name: Harpenden Methodist Church
Sort Code: 40-23-11
Account Number: 71104063

On a Sunday: There is an open plate collection during Sunday Services. If you are a UK tax payer please use the giving envelopes in the pews which enables the Church to reclaim Gift Aid

GIFT AID: TAX EFFICIENT GIVING

Gift Aid enables us to recover the basic rate of income tax from donations we receive. For every £1 given we can reclaim an additional 25p. If you pay UK tax (Income or Capital Gains) and would like us to claim Gift Aid from your donation, please fill in and return the Gift Aid Declaration enclosed to John Harris