

What about

# GIVING



The work of Life Church Petersfield is made possible by the generosity of many individuals and families who give towards helping to make our vision for our Church and community possible.



## Why should we give?

To see our vision fulfilled;

*Knowing God* - better as individuals and as a church family  
*Showing God* - more in our lives and in our community, and  
*Sharing God* - and his love, generously with a needy world.

To support the necessary part-time and volunteer staff we engage to achieve our vision

*Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages (Luke 10:7)*

To demonstrate our obedience to God's word

*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income (1 Corinthians 16:2)*

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

To worship God and express our trust in Him

*No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. (Luke 16:13)*

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. (2 Corinthians 9:6)*

*Here are some examples of how money is spent to resource the vision of Life Church:*

It costs about £400 a week to staff and maintain our Life Church Centre and around £120 a week to hire meeting premises. We spend about £500 a week supporting ministries in the UK and around the world. We spend about £100 a week supporting Outreach activities such as Alpha, Tots' Disco, Messy Church and Holiday Club.

## **How should we give?**

### Regular giving

The church relies very much on regular committed giving by its members. Knowing that there is a regular source of income is a great aid to planning. To this end, if you are a regular member of Life Church Petersfield, we would encourage you to make a monthly banker's order so that your giving is made directly from your bank. You should find a banker's order inside this leaflet. Please complete it and return it to the Life Church Centre.

### Reclaiming tax

If you pay tax, we can increase the value of your giving by reclaiming the tax from the HMRC. All you need to do is complete the Gift Aid declaration. For every £1 you give, we can reclaim an extra 25 pence.

### One-off donations

If you wish to make a one-off donation occasionally, do this by cheque or bank transfer. We can also reclaim tax on one-off donations too.

### Summary

If you pay tax, please complete a Gift Aid declaration. Whether or not you pay tax, the preferred methods of giving are by monthly Standing Order, Stewardship envelopes or donation by cheque. When the offering is received during a Life Church meeting, giving made in other ways is remembered at the same time.

[www.lifechurchpetersfield.org.uk/church-life/giving](http://www.lifechurchpetersfield.org.uk/church-life/giving)

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## What next?

If you would further information on giving, or would like to talk to someone about it, please contact the Life Church Centre (details below) or the Treasurer (John Arnold - 01730 300665/ john@arnold-mail.co.uk)



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