

The Habit of Giving

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Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further.

This means that every £100 can be turned into £128, just so long as donations are made through Gift Aid. Imagine what a difference that could make, and it doesn't cost you a thing.

How do I know if I pay enough tax to qualify?

As long as you pay enough tax in the year to match the tax that we claim back, your donation will qualify.

For example, if you donate £400 in the current tax year, we could claim back over £110 from the Inland Revenue. To qualify for Gift Aid, you must have paid over £110 in income tax (or capital gains tax) over the course of the year.

What if I pay the higher rate of income tax?

If you pay tax at the higher rate of 40 per cent, we can reclaim tax at the basic rate of 22 per cent. If you wish, you can reclaim the remainder on your Self Assessment tax return.

What if I pay the lower rate of income tax?

If you pay tax at the lower rate of 10 per cent, we can still reclaim tax at the standard rate of 22 per cent. You must have paid enough tax in this tax year for us and other charities to reclaim.

Can I still Gift Aid my donations if I only pay tax on my savings?

Yes. The rules for the tax paid on unearned income such as interest from savings (which is called "capital gains tax"), are the same as they are for Income Tax.

Can it be that simple?

Yes, it is! Our Treasurer, Gillian Sugden, will need to be able to identify your gifts, either by standing order, cheque or cash (in a marked envelope), so that the right amount of tax can be reclaimed. Complete confidentiality is ensured.

Simple, isn't it? Just complete the form and return it to Gillian.

Thank you!



SO WHAT HAPPENS TO MY GIVING?

Like the majority of Baptist Churches, everything we do is funded by the gifts of the church family.

So your gifts really do make a difference as they are used to:

- Pay for all our staff costs
- Reach out to our community through mission activities such as Alpha, the Holiday Club, and Vision magazine
- Resource our special events such as the visits of Riding Lights and Viz-à-Viz
- Support other new churches in the UK who are not able to fund themselves yet through Home Mission
- Share in our support of BMS World Mission and other agencies who tell others around the world about Christ
- Provide Sunday School materials
- Purchase all our equipment
- Pay for the upkeep, heating, lighting, and insurance of the church building, manse and graveyard

Important decisions about how your gifts are used are made at the church meeting, where church members seek to discern what Christ wants us to do.

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BLUNTISHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Details of donor

Forename(s)

Surname

Address

Post Code

I want Bluntisham Baptist Church to treat

(please tick box)

Either All donations I make in the future

Or All donations I identify for Gift Aid

Or The donation of £ made
by me on / / .

as Gift Aid donations.

Signed:

Date: / /

It is also possible to retrospectively Gift Aid any identifiable donations you have made since 6 April 2000, to do so please tick the box.

To qualify for Gift Aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains tax must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year.

Cut along the dotted line and return form to Gillian Sugden

NOTES

1. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the church treasurer.
2. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that we reclaim, you can cancel your declaration.
4. Please inform us of any change of your name or address.

5. If you would like to give by standing order, these are the details you will need for the church accounts:

General Funds:

Bank: **Lloyds TSB– St Ives Branch**
A/c name: **Bluntisham Baptist Chapel**
Sort code: **30-94-47**
A/c number: **00933680**

Building Fund

Bank: **CAFBANK**
A/c name: **Bluntisham Baptist Church**
Sort code: **40-52-40**
A/c number: **00009492**

6. Tax Refunds: We participate in the Inland Revenue scheme which allows you to nominate a charity to receive as a donation any tax repayment due to you from your Self Assessment return. If you would like to donate any overpaid tax to us, when you complete your return, our unique code number is: **QAE33FG**, and our IR charity name is: **Bluntisham Meeting House Huntingdonshire.**

Charity claims reference number: X83082

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