

## GETTING STARTED

You can start your giving in any of the following ways...

### 1. Regular Standing Order

The most helpful way to support Saint James is to set up a standing order with your bank. Once you have decided how much to give, you can set up the arrangement with your bank and then they will automatically process your gifts in accordance with your instructions.

It therefore saves you time, it means that you don't forget when life is too busy and – crucially – it helps the PCC and Leadership Team with our financial planning.

You can also set-up and manage regular donations through charity accounts like Stewardship or CAF.

See the enclosed giving forms for more details or go to [saintjames.org.uk/giving](http://saintjames.org.uk/giving)

### 2. Cheque or charity voucher (e.g. Stewardship or CAF voucher)

Made payable to "PCC of St James Gerrards Cross and Fulmer".

### IF YOU ARE A UK TAXPAYER...

Please ensure that you also complete and return a Gift Aid declaration to enable Saint James to increase the value of your gift by reclaiming the basic rate tax on your gifts from HM Revenue & Customs. At the current rates for every £4 donated we receive £1. Thank you!

### 3. Direct bank payment

You can use your online or telephone banking to make a payment to "PCC of St James Gerrards Cross and Fulmer" using the details on the enclosed forms or go to [saintjames.org.uk/giving](http://saintjames.org.uk/giving)

### 4. Online Giving

You can make a secure online gift at [saintjames.org.uk/giving](http://saintjames.org.uk/giving)

Details of your giving will be treated as strictly confidential. Only the Planned Christian Giving (PCG) Co-Ordinator and Secretary know the names of those who are giving. To see our privacy statement: [saintjames.org.uk/privacy](http://saintjames.org.uk/privacy).

The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish Of St James Gerrards Cross With St James Fulmer is a registered charity (no. 1129332) whose registered office is at: Saint James Church, Oxford Road, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. SL9 7DJ.



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## SUPPORTING GOSPEL MINISTRY

“ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” **2 CORINTHIANS 8:9**

Thank you for considering supporting the work of Saint James Gerrards Cross with Fulmer. Our vision is to see every life transformed. Through Jesus. For God's glory. For that to happen, we are committed to...



**Reaching our communities...**  
with the gospel



**Growing disciples...**  
to maturity



**Resourcing gospel ministry...**  
to grow God's kingdom

Sacrificial giving for gospel work is part of our discipleship and a mark of spiritual maturity. Every Christian, therefore, should aim to be giving regularly to fund the ministries of their church, both at home and abroad. It will be costly, but it pleases our Heavenly Father and many at Saint James can testify to the joy that comes from giving generously and seeing the fruit in people's lives.

A wonderful Bible passage on the grace of giving is 2 Corinthians 8 & 9, which teaches us that we should give:

- ▶ **Sacrificially (8:1-2):** accepting the personal cost
- ▶ **Generously (8:7):** as much as we are able to for the salvation of others
- ▶ **Gratefully (8:8-9):** for Christ became poor that we might be rich in Him
- ▶ **Realistically (8:10-12):** according to our capacity
- ▶ **Equally (8:13-15):** giving of our plenty to help others
- ▶ **Carefully (8:16-24):** so that we are good stewards of God's money
- ▶ **Actually (9:1-5):** making sure we act on our intentions and keep our commitments

- ▶ **Freely (9:6-7):** without compulsion or reluctance but cheerfully
- ▶ **Confidently (9:8-11):** knowing that God will always supply our genuine needs
- ▶ **Encouragingly (9:12-17):** so that others praise God for what he does through us

How much we give will vary. At Saint James, gifts range from relatively small amounts to more than £1,000 each month. We are immensely grateful to God for each giver and each gift. The Old Testament required God's people to give 10% of their income and most churches around the world (however poor) would expect a similar level of commitment.

Many Christians would say that to give 10% is a useful guideline and an appropriate amount. However, the New Testament doesn't impose any law upon us. For some, a tenth of our income would be stretching us too far; for others we could give a lot more. How much we give is therefore a matter of conscience as we prayerfully consider what we want to contribute. It is worth remembering, however, that in global terms, most of us are materially very well-off.

## RECOGNISING THE FINANCIAL NEED

“ Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” **2 CORINTHIANS 9:7**

**Saint James is funded entirely through the giving of its members.**

By God's grace and the sacrificial giving of many, there is a long history of financial generosity in our church family. We want to build on the foundations of those who have gone before us by providing for gospel ministry in the years ahead.

We are also delighted to be able to give generous support to external mission partners and each year, we give away roughly 10% of our income to support gospel work and people in need at home and abroad.

In God's kindness, we have been able to cover our costs year by year. However, in order to grow our ministries and continue proclaiming Christ in what are difficult economic times, we face a significant financial challenge. We are therefore asking everyone to reassess their giving with a view to increasing their level of support. It would be wonderful if everyone could participate – even if you're not in a position to give very much.

Giving is a means of grace through which we can express our gratitude to God for our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We want everyone to share in that: for our joy and for God's glory.

## EXCELLING IN THE GRACE OF GIVING

“ But since you excel in everything...see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” **2 CORINTHIANS 8:7**

We are asking the whole church family to...

### 1 Pray

Ask God for a generous heart and Biblical wisdom on how best to support His church with the money He has entrusted to you.

### 2 Think

Carefully review your own finances and consider how to put into practice the Biblical principles outlined above.

### 3 Act

Decide on an amount to give and make your gift.

We want to encourage everybody to get involved at whatever level they can because generous and sacrificial giving is part of our worship. So let's excel in the grace of giving!