

A Guide to Giving



Liberton Kirk

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'Our aim is to draw closer to God and to each other so that, through us, He can make known to all people the joys and challenges of following Jesus.'
Vision Statement 2009

Web Address www.libertonkirk.net

Scottish Charity Number SCO11602

Why Give ?

- As a member of the church, you have promised to give a fitting proportion of your TIME, TALENTS and MONEY.
- Whether as a member or supporter of Liberton Kirk, your giving is an act of faith and love. It ensures that God's good work continues within the parish of Liberton and beyond.

This includes: -

- Choices of worship for all ages, morning and evening
- Pastoral support
- Maintenance of our buildings
- Youth work and organisations
- Community involvement

In addition, a proportion of our income is passed to The Church of Scotland for ministry and the wider work of the Church.

The Duty of Care

Liberton Kirk Session (The Minister and Elders) is responsible for the Kirk's affairs. The Treasurer and the Finance Committee attend to the detail, endeavouring to ensure that all income, particularly our offerings, can meet these costs.

How to Give - Your Time and Talents

To volunteer your help is to enrich the weekly life of the church, the groups and organisations using the Kirk Centre. It will be highly valued and will offer new and close friendships as you work with others.

Examples of where help is needed are - Hospitality, Church Flowers, Sound system, The Kirkgate Café, and by offering your Talents (strengths and skills) in other ways e.g. to the Artisans. Why not contact the Stewardship Team through Grant Cook Tel 664 1581 or by email granttcook@aol.com to express interest in the first instance.

How to Give - Your Money

It is important that members and supporters give regularly over the year and the best way of doing this is to set up a monthly Standing Order.

Standing Order: This can be done by completing the accompanying Standing Order Form, returning it to the Free Will Offering Convenor, or by internet banking. Should the latter be preferred, please advise the FWO convenor (see contacts). You can change the amount given by standing order or by envelope at any time.

Free Will Offering (FWO) Envelopes: These are dated weekly and numbered to enable the amount to be recorded for Gift Aid purposes. Names are known only to the FWO Convenor.

How Gift Aid Can Help

Liberton Kirk has Charitable Status. Therefore, it is important that if you are a tax payer and giving to the Kirk, you complete the accompanying Gift Aid Declaration if you have not already done so. Altogether this enables Liberton Kirk to reclaim a substantial amount of tax from HM Revenue and Customs.

How Much to Give

Our membership vow to give a 'fitting proportion' of our income could simply mean what we can reasonably afford.

In deciding how much to give, the Bible clearly says that a good starting point is the tithe, or tenth part. This means we acknowledge that everything we have comes from God and we return the first ten per cent of our income to Him, through His church. God recognises that we will respond as best we can, free to be as generous as we choose, knowing that God's blessings and His provisions will not fail us. If you cannot commit fully by standing order, then consider a proportionate gift to the church following the Annual Covenant Service.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will reap generously. 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: 6-8

The Next Step

With this guide you should find a **Giving Form, a Standing Order Form, and a Gift Aid Declaration** to be completed if you are a UK tax payer. **All forms should be sent in the first instance (not to your bank or building society) to Mr Eric J. Brown, FWO Convenor, 14 Liberton Drive, Edinburgh, EH16 6NN.**

Lifetime Gifts and Legacies

Quite separately from regular offerings, the congregation has received, and would be delighted to receive, donations towards the cost of specific items of expenditure. Should you feel inspired, please speak to the Minister or Treasurer. Gift Aid might also enhance these donations.

We have also been blessed with a number of legacies, some specifically for fabric, mission, the organ, youth work, and others with no restrictions. Perhaps this is something you would consider. Any gifts you make to a charity during your lifetime or in your will, are presently exempt from inheritance tax and may even reduce the rate of tax applied to your chargeable estate. www.hmrc.gov.uk.

There is a helpful leaflet from The Church of Scotland on Legacies and Wills on the Welcome Desks.

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New members will be contacted by a member of the Stewardship Team.

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