



St Lawrence Barnwood C of E Church

*To Know and share the love of Jesus
in our Community*

CHURCH GIVING

We are grateful to all those who give regularly to St Lawrence's.

Your contributions are vital to the Church's work.

We would like to encourage everyone to think and pray about whether their giving could be more regular or increased, during these difficult times.

This leaflet provides some ideas about how you might do that.

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1. **Parish Giving Scheme**



Parish Giving Scheme was developed by the Diocese of Gloucester to provide a professional, effective donation management system to support parishes fund their mission and ministry. PGS is a 21st century solution to offset one of the greatest threats to parish income which is static giving i.e. when a person's donations do not keep pace with inflation or changes in their circumstances.

Donations made through this scheme use a Direct Debit. This can be on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Each donation is restricted to the church of your choice and all the money given goes to that church – there are no central charges. Donors can inform PGS of any changes by phone, email or letter. Use of PGS encourages regular giving, making it easier for the church to budget and balance its books.

You will be able to Gift Aid your donation, if eligible, and you will also be given the option to increase your giving annually, in line with inflation. Gift Aid is claimed centrally by PGS, reducing the burden of work on our Parish Treasurer/Gift Aid officer.

For further information please visit <https://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk>, speak to our Gift Aid officer, or request an information pack from the Church Office.

To sign up for the scheme you can either call PGS directly on 0333 002 1271 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm) or complete the form that is included in the information pack.

You will need to provide your bank account details, church/parish name: (St Lawrence/Barnwood) and the PGS parish code: (BARN).

2. **Bank Standing Order**

You can choose to set up a regular standing order payable to Barnwood PCC. Donations made in this way can be gift aided (see section below). You will need to do this online or contact your bank directly.

The church's name, sort code and bank account details are: Barnwood PCC, NatWest Bank, Sort Code: 60-09-02; A/C No: 29015960.

3. **Payroll Giving**

Payroll Giving is a way of giving money to charity without paying tax on it. It can only be paid through PAYE from your wages or pension. It is an easy, tax-effective way to give to charity – so it costs employees less to give more. The system is easy to opt in and out of, giving you full control over your giving and regular donations. Contact the payroll or finance department of your employer to find out more.

The information you will need for your Payroll Giving Provider is:
St Lawrence C of E Church, 32 Church Lane, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 3JB.
Registered Charity Number: 1170167

4. Envelope Giving

If you would like to give regularly using donation envelopes and would like a pack of 52 numbered and date-stamped envelopes for the year, please contact our Gift Aid Officer (Andy Langley).

If you would like these donations gift aided please complete a Gift Aid declaration form so that all donations received in your envelopes will automatically be gift aided (see section below).

5. Gift Aid

If you pay UK income tax, and would like to Gift Aid your donations, this is simple to arrange. You just need to complete a short declaration form stating that you are a UK taxpayer. After making this declaration, the value of any cash donation you make will increase by 25%. Sound like free money? Actually, we can reclaim the income tax paid on that 'gift' from the government, at no extra cost to you.

Think of it as giving an extra 25p for every £1 that you donate, without you having to give any more. Effectively, this means that we are able to get more from each donation.

If you pay tax at 40% and you donate £100 to your church, your church can claim £25 basic rate Gift Aid, and you can claim £25 for yourself too. This means your gift of £100 has only cost you £75, even though your church has received £125.

If you have any questions please contact our Gift Aid Officer.

A gift aid declaration form is attached at the end of this leaflet and will be available to download from our website.

6. Leave a Gift in your will

What does it mean to leave a legacy? It means putting a stamp on the future, and making a contribution to future generations.

This simply involves letting the executors of your estate know your wishes with a paragraph in your will. It must be legally agreed via your solicitor, that you wish to leave money to St Lawrence Church.

This source of funding has been invaluable in previous years and has enabled us to go ahead with many of the larger projects including the very essential heating and lighting systems in the church, major repairs to remove the problem of rising damp in the chancel and the beautiful Doris Warren Garden of Remembrance in the churchyard at the East end of the church.

7. Easyfundraising

St Lawrence Church Barnwood is now registered with easyfundraising.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Lawrence Church Barnwood with easyfundraising?

There are over 4,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is go to:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencebarnwood/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to St Lawrence Church Barnwood at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and St Lawrence Church Barnwood will be really grateful for your donations.

Once you have registered with easyfundraising *you can set a donation reminder* on your computer. Then every time you visit a retailer who donates to easyfundraising you will receive a reminder and a donation can be forwarded to St Lawrence Church.



If you usually use a tablet or phone instead of a computer, the easyfundraising app is available to download.

Then when buying online you simply do so via the app.

To find our easyfundraising page click below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencebarnwood/>

TO DONATE USING YOUR DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS click below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stlawrencebarnwood/donate/>

This link will be on our website soon in the form of a DONATE button.

8. CONTACT DETAILS:

For further information about the schemes above, please contact us using one of the following numbers:

Church Office:

Phone: 01452 372731

email: stlawrencebarnwood@outlook.com

Gift Aid Officer (Andy Langley):

Phone: 01452 372215

email: andy.langley77@hotmail.com

9. Some places to find help if you are struggling financially

We know that the present pandemic circumstances have made life very difficult for many people.

If you need support during these times, then do try the following places:

St Lawrence Church:

Rev Rob Crofton – 01452 668761 or at the Church Office on 01452 372731

Citizens Advice Bureau Gloucester: <http://gloscab.org.uk/>

Gloucester Foodbank: <https://gloucester.foodbank.org.uk/>

Universal Credit: <https://www.capitalmass.org.uk/perch/resources/files/uc-leaflet-v4.pdf>

Martin Lewis Money Saving expert:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/loans/debt-help-plan/>

Money Advice Service:

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/tools/debt-advice-locator>



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GIFT AID DECLARATION

Details of Donor

Title: _____

Forename(s): _____

Surname: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post Code: _____

I want St Lawrence to treat all donations I make from the date of this declaration as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please Note:

- You must pay in each tax year an amount of Income Tax and / or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount that all charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs to which you give will reclaim. This excludes other taxes such as Council Tax and VAT.
- You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Church Office.
- If your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that charities reclaim, you should cancel this declaration.
- If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self-Assessment return.
- Please notify us of any change to your name or address.