

# Giving at St Luke's



# GIFT AID DECLARATION

## The Parochial Church Council of St Luke, Watford

### I want to Gift Aid

	The enclosed donation of £ _____
	All donations of money that I make today and in the future
	All donations of money that I have made in the past 4 years and all future donations of money that I make from the date of this declaration

*Please tick the appropriate box(es)*

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next), it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

I understand that St Luke's will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 I give

### Donor's details

**Full name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (inc postcode)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify John Sills (john.siils5@gmail.com) if you:

- want to cancel this declaration.
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay income tax at higher rates, you should include your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return to receive the additional tax relief that is due to you. (St Luke's will write to you after April each year confirming the value of donations received, to assist you in this)

*Please return this form, via the S pigeon holes, to John Sills – Assistant Treasurer, Gift Aid.*

*But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving  
(2 Corinthians 8:7)*

We have a responsibility to be good stewards of the money and other resources God gives us. The Bible says that after prayerful consideration, we should each decide in our hearts what to give so that we always give cheerfully. As the place where we serve, grow and are blessed as the body of Christ together, people often feel it right that much of their giving should be to the local church, and through the local church. If you would like to give to support St Luke's, please read the notes below which highlight ways you can do this.

## **General Fund**

It costs over £200k pa to run the church, including money we pay the diocese for our clergy; costs of other staff; building running costs (less rent received); and the cost of our various groups (youth work, music, etc). The PCC aim to give 10% of income received to our Partners-in-Mission and to others who work for Christ in Watford and around the world.

## **How to give**

### Weekly offering

Cash placed in the offering baskets at services is added into the General Fund. Some people like to give in this way if they budget or are paid weekly. If you are a taxpayer, please consider using a Gift Aid envelope found in the racks on the church chairs (see below)

### Monthly standing order

Many people give to the church via monthly standing order. This is simple and helps St Luke's plan its finances. Standing orders can be set up on-line (please see the form on the back page for our bank details). Alternatively please fill in that form on the back and return it to John Sills, via the S-pigeon holes. In either case, if you are a taxpayer, please complete and return a Gift Aid Declaration, which we can then apply to all your giving.

### Gift Aid

The Government encourages individual giving and has set up the Gift Aid Scheme to allow charities to recover basic rate tax which has been paid on donations they receive. Please help us to increase the value of the money you give by 25%, by completing and signing the Gift Aid Declaration (opposite) or by using the Gift Aid envelopes whenever possible. These should only be used if you pay tax, and must include your name, address (including postcode) and signature.

All gift aid donations, whether made by standing order or envelope, are treated in absolute confidence.

## **Other funds**

St Luke's has other funds (including the Thanksgiving Fund) which allow people to give to various causes anonymously, via St Luke's. There are separate Gift Aid envelopes and leaflets about Earmarked giving.

*If you have any questions about Gift Aid or any of the giving schemes, please speak to John Sills*

*Standing orders can be easily set up on-line using St Luke's bank details below. However, if you would prefer, please complete the form below and send it to John Sills (via S pigeon holes).*

## **BANKER'S STANDING ORDER**

**To:** The Manager, \_\_\_\_\_ Bank / Building Society

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay to the account of **Parochial Church Council of St Luke, Watford**  
**Barclays Bank plc, 62/64 High Street, Watford, WD17 2BT**  
**Sortcode: 20-91-79**  
**Account: 70687472**

the sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) *[words]*

starting on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

and a like sum every month / quarter / year until further notice *[delete as applicable]*

and debit my account with each payment when made.

This order replaces any previous instructions in favour of the above *[delete if not correct]*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sortcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Account number: \_\_\_\_\_