

Charity Gift Aid Declaration

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

- I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Trinity Church Scarborough

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 it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____
First name or initial(s) _____
Surname _____
Full Home address _____

Postcode _____

Signed _____

Date _____

Please notify the charity 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 the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code

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Registered Charity Number 1173467.

Registered office: 24 CHATSWORTH GARDENS, SCARBOROUGH, YO12 7NQ



Giving to Trinity Church Scarborough

Why should we give?

In Luke chapter 12, we read the parable of the rich fool. From an earthly perspective the farmer in Jesus' story was very successful. He was rich, he was relaxed and he was retired. He had done all he could to prepare for his earthly future. But God's verdict over his life only required two words, verse 20, "You fool." Why? Jesus explains in verse 21, "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God." The farmer wasn't rich towards God. He neither had a rich relationship with God nor used his riches to serve the purposes of God.

A Christian enjoys a rich relationship with the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we have the incredible privilege of being connected to our joyful Creator. We also have the pleasure of using our resources to further the purposes of God. Since the local church is God's prime agent of mission, it makes sense that Christians should give generously to their local fellowship.

What should we give?

The amount we give to our local church is a decision to be made honestly between us and God. We are not all called to give the same amount but we are all called to give sacrificially. That means that the wealthy and the less well off won't give the same amount – but both will give sacrificially from what they have.

Below are some of the Biblical principles for loving generosity from 1 and 2 Corinthians. The Corinthian Christians were to give:

- **Regularly** – They set aside money on the first day of every week. We need to be thoughtful and committed in our giving, not random and sporadic.
- **Universally** – Each one of them was commanded to give. Giving is not something reserved for the few but is for all God's people
- **Proportionally** – They gave in keeping with their income. We must give within our means. We will not all be able to give equal amounts but we will all be able to give sacrificial amounts.
- **Freely** – They gave without pressure. Giving shouldn't be about gimmicks and guilt but about a grace-filled heart wanting to respond to the Lord's loving generosity.

• **Joyfully** – In 2 Corinthians 9 we are reminded that God loves a cheerful giver. It's easy to give for the wrong reasons – to relieve our guilt, to avoid other avenues of Christian service, to be seen to be generous by others. The apostle Paul tells us that God loves a joyful and big-hearted response to all that he has lavished on us.

How can we give?

Planned Giving

Whether you choose to give via Standing Order or through cash, cheques or bank transfers, it would be a great help if Trinity Church knew your intended giving for the next 12 months. Planned giving is an enormous help when trying to estimate realistic church budgets for future years. In order for us to do this, could you fill out the form on page 3.

Regular giving via cheque or bank transfer

Please make cheques payable to “Trinity Church Scarborough” or you may transfer money electronically to our Barclays bank account: Trinity Church Scarborough, account number **33436047**, sort code **20-83-73**.

Regular giving via Standing Order

To set up a Standing Order to make a regular payment, please use the above account number and sort code and instruct your bank as required.

Gift Aid

If you are making either a one-off or a regular donation, and you are a UK taxpayer, **please fill in the Gift Aid form on page 4 of this leaflet**. This will enable us to reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that you give. To claim Gift Aid you must have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

The Church reserves the right to direct monies for general purposes or to different projects if there is enough money in the specified budget or the activity/worker has finished. To discuss any other issues relating to giving or if you need help with Gift Aid, please contact the Church's Treasurer, Ben Day via email: treasurer@trinityscarborough.org.uk. Please return the whole of this form in person or via post to Ben Day (Treasurer of the Church): **24 CHATSWORTH GARDENS, SCARBOROUGH, YO12 7NQ.**

Planned Giving

I would like to support the gospel work of Trinity Church Scarborough by pledging to give a regular monthly/quarterly/annual donation of £_____ to Trinity Church Scarborough.

Your name and address: _____
