



GIVING

AT THE KING'S ARMS



HOW TO GIVE FINANCIALLY

Our intention is to build a church community that worships God and reaches out to those around us. We are inviting you to play an important part in this mission. One way you can contribute to the life of this church is through giving financially.

GIVING FINANCIALLY

The bible has a lot to say about the way we handle our money. We give simply because Jesus calls us to give. It's a basic part of being a Christian who is committed to a local church. The starting point is normally a tenth of our income; this is known as a 'tithe'.

Jesus spoke about the issue of money more than heaven and hell. He indicated that where we place our financial wealth our heart will follow (Matthew 6:21). Giving is an overflow of thanks to God for all he has done for us and surprisingly carries with it the promise that if we give faithfully God will give us more. In one of the most remarkable passages in the bible God challenges his people that if they give their full 'tithe' he will "open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need". It's a striking claim and the only time in the Bible that God challenges his people to "test me in this"! (Malachi 3:10)

HOW TO GIVE?

Many bible references such as 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 9:5-14 lay down some of these helpful guidelines:

- **FREELY** – Cheerfully and not under compulsion
- **REGULARLY** – each week or month
- **PROPORTIONALLY** – according to your income
- **LOCALLY** – our primary commitment is to the local church
- **IN FAITH** – trusting God to supply all our needs



GIVING ON SUNDAY?

This is really simple. You can either put cash or cheque (Payable to 'The King's Arms') into the collection baskets during the service.

REGULAR GIVING?

By setting up a standing order you can have your gift automatically taken from your bank account each month. Many people find this a convenient way to give rather than having to remember to write a cheque each month. Please complete the attached form or set up the standing order via an internet banking facility.

MONEY FOR NOTHING

If you plan to give regularly and you're also a UK tax payer, there is a great benefit to the church (at no extra cost for you) if you complete the Gift Aid Declaration part of this form. This means that we can reclaim from the Government the tax you paid on this money (currently an additional 25%). In other words for every £30 given we can claim another £7.50 back.

In addition, if you claim Working Tax Credit and/or receive Child Tax Credit, you may be able to increase your claim by declaring the amount of Gift Aid donations you pay to the Kings Arms. To find out how this works please go to www.hmrc.gov.uk/forms/tc285.pdf or email finance@kingsarms.org.

WHAT NEXT?

Simply complete the Gift Aid Declaration Form and if you want to pay regularly from your bank account, complete the standing order form. Please send them both to the King's Arms Church Offices, King's House, 245 Ampt Hill Road, Bedford MK42 9AZ. Alternatively you can put them into the collection baskets on Sunday. You can find more details about the church on our website www.kingsarms.org.



STANDING ORDER FORM

To: The Manager of _____

Address: _____

Please pay the Unity Trust Bank (Sort Code 08-60-01) for the credit of King's Arms Church (Account No. 20222499) (Any cheques payable to 'the King's Arms')

Amount in figures £ _____

Amount in words: _____

Commencing (date of first payment) ____ / ____ / ____

And thereafter weekly/monthly/quarterly (please delete as appropriate) until further notice.

Name of account to be debited _____

Account Number _____ Sort Code _____

Signed _____ Dated ____ / ____ / ____

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Title: Mr / Mrs / Ms / Miss

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

I would like the King's Arms Church (Charity No. 1116359) to claim back the tax: (Tick box)

- On all the donations I have made since 6th April 2000, and will make in the future until I notify you otherwise
- On the enclosed donation of £ _____ (i.e. one-off donation)

I declare that I am a UK taxpayer. My donations per year and the amount the King's Arms will reclaim from the Inland Revenue will not exceed the amount I pay in tax.

Signed _____ Dated ____ / ____ / ____

Note to the giver: You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying us. Please notify us if you change your name or address.