



**2 Corinthians 9:7**

***"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."***

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**Gift Aid Declaration for Regular Giving**

**St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton**

Full Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration and in the past four years.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and or Capital Gains Tax for each year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities (including churches and community amateur sports clubs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p tax on every £1 that I give.

Signature.....

Date.....

*Please return this declaration to the Church Treasurer (address on left). Many thanks.*

*Please notify us 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.*

**St Mary Magdalene Church, Littleton**

*Growing the Kingdom of God through Faith, Hope & Love!*



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We believe that God has called us as a local church to grow the kingdom of God by reaching out to our community and the world around us, by living lives of faith and by bringing hope and love in all we do and say.

Doing that costs money.

Each year it costs us tens of thousands of pounds to do what we do. We give a large amount of money to the Common Fund, which is a payment to the church centrally, which enable us to have a vicar and the support of the diocese.

We also have heating, lighting and all the maintenance costs of our historic church building. Then there are all the increasing missional activities that we do in our community.

Every penny that you can give helps us to achieve what God has called us to do in growing his kingdom and showing his love to those in our community and beyond, seeing lives changed one person at a time.

This year our main priorities are:

- To get closer to the £80,600 of Common Fund that as a church we should pay. Last year we gave £60,000 and this year we have pledged to give £61,000.
- To employ a Children, Youth and Families worker two days a week a project, which will cost approximately £20,000 a year.

With your generous giving we can make this happen and continue to see God's kingdom grow and make St Mary Magdalene the heart beat of our local community.

## Your Questions Answered

### ***What is a Gift Aid Declaration?***

The Declaration is the church's authority to reclaim tax from the Inland Revenue on your donations. By giving the declaration, you are confirming that you understand this.

### ***How do I pay under Gift Aid?***

Whichever is most convenient for you—weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually—by envelope, by cheque, by standing order, or receipted cash, as long as the payment is recorded.

### ***Won't everyone know how much I give?***

No. A confidential recording system ensures only the Church Treasurer and Planned Giving Officer (if you pay by standing order or weekly envelope) know how much you give.

### ***What if my circumstances change and I can't maintain the level of my giving?***

As long as you have paid at least as much tax as all the charities that you support reclaim on your giving in any one tax year, you can just alter your giving.

### ***What if I stop paying enough tax?***

You can cancel your Declaration at any time, The cancellation will take effect from the date you let the church know or at a future date specified by you.

### ***What if I pay income tax at the higher rate?***

The church can only reclaim tax back at the basic rate. But you can claim back the difference between the higher rate and the basic rate on your Self Assessment return. You might like to take this into account when working out your level of giving.

### ***I don't pay tax, but my spouse does. Can I still use Gift Aid?***

No. Only a taxpayer can use the scheme. The best thing is for your spouse to complete the Declaration.

### ***Can I count tax other than income tax when giving under Gift Aid?***

Yes. Capital gains tax, tax on pensions, tax credits and tax deducted from bank and building society interest (provided you have not reclaimed it) can all be used to cover the tax on your gifts.

### ***Suppose I move?***

You can cancel your Declaration at you old church and complete a new Declaration at the new church.