

# How Christians give

## Joyfully

*“We want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.”  
(2 Corinthians 8:1-2)*

## Thoughtfully

*“Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

## Sacrificially

*“Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put... Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny... Jesus said, ‘I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on.’ (Mark 12:41-44)*

## Privately

*“Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them...But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret.” (Matthew 6:1-4)*



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## Why Christians give

### To respond to God's grace

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."  
(2 Corinthians 8:9)*

### To support the gospel ministry we benefit from

*"If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?" (1 Corinthians 9:11-12)*

### To partner in gospel ministry elsewhere

*"Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you... It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from unbelievers. We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth." (3 John 5-8)*

### To ease the suffering of Christians elsewhere

*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?'... The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:37-40)*

## The Needs

### Supporting the ministry of St. John's

The ministry of St John's is fully funded by giving from the congregation.

St John's is part of the Church of England, but as a 'proprietary chapel' we are financially independent. We neither contribute to, nor receive support from, the central funds of the Church of England. It is the generous giving of the church family that enables us to:

- staff and maintain the church;
- cover the costs of the various ministries of the church, such as our youth and children's work, and our mission and outreach activities;
- invest for the future.

### Partnering with ministries elsewhere

As part of our Christian discipleship, St John's supports financially and prayerfully gospel ministries both locally and around the globe. Our ten mission partners include those engaged in evangelistic mission, supporting needy communities and helping suffering believers.

### Any questions?

If you have any questions about the church finances, or how you might hope to give, please chat with a member of the church finance team or email us at: [finance@sjdh.org](mailto:finance@sjdh.org).



## How to donate

### Standing orders and bank transfers

The preferred method of giving is by regular standing order. You can set up a standing order or bank transfer directly with your bank, either online or in branch. Our bank details are as follows:

**St. John's Downshire Hill**  
**Account number: 33945391**  
**Sort Code: 20-36-16**

If you donate to St John's in this way, please notify us at [www.sjdh.org/donate](http://www.sjdh.org/donate).

### Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a UK tax payer, then we can claim back a further 25p on every pound you donate, making your giving to the church even more effective. You can make a gift aid declaration when you notify us of your donation at [www.sjdh.org/donate](http://www.sjdh.org/donate).

### Anonymous Giving

Should you wish to donate anonymously, you can do so via Stewardship ([www.stewardship.org.uk](http://www.stewardship.org.uk)) or the Charities Aid Foundation ([www.cafonline.org](http://www.cafonline.org)).

### Other ways to give

Cash or cheques can be placed in the box at the back of the church using the donation envelopes located there. Please make cheques payable to 'St. John's Downshire Hill'.

**If you have questions about other methods of giving, please contact the finance team at: [finance@sjdh.org](mailto:finance@sjdh.org)**