

IT'S SO SIMPLE AND IT HELPS THE PARISH SO MUCH
EVERY £1 YOU GIVE IS WORTH £1.25 TO THE PARISH

I am already giving to my parish in the Offertory Collection. Will it cost me more to join the Gift Aid Scheme? Is this something extra?

No – It will cost you nothing extra. You are not being asked to give more money, simply to sign a declaration so that the parish can reclaim the tax refund on your giving. The Inland Revenue is only handing back to the parish the income tax you have already paid, so it will not affect you in any way.

How does the system work?

The parish needs to be able to prove to the Inland Revenue that they have kept proper records of your gifts. If you prefer to give by cash, then you must use the numbered envelope system (supplied by the parish) or give by cheque or Bankers Order. In other words, if you put your gift in the plate 'loose' i.e. without using a numbered envelope (unique to you), then regrettably the parish would be unable to identify the cash as coming from you and would not benefit from your generosity.

How do I go about signing a Gift Aid Declaration?

Ask your Parish gift Aid Organiser or Parish Priest for a form. It simply asks you to give your name and address and your consent so that all your donations can be treated as Gift Aid donations. You should sign and date the form. ONE MINUTE IS ALL IT TAKES.

If you require further information about the Gift Aid scheme, please contact your Parish Gift Aid Organiser or Parish Priest.

Gift Aid Office, 59 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JE

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IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH?



Gift Aid it!

What is Gift Aid?

It is a scheme designed to encourage donors – **who must be taxpayers** – to sign a declaration form so that all their donations to the charity (R.C. Diocese of Southwark) can be treated as Gift Aid donations. The donations can be of any amount, there is no lower or upper limit and they do not have to be of a fixed amount or frequency. By signing the forms, donors can ensure that their parishes get a substantial refund from the Inland Revenue without having to increase their level of giving.

In order for the parish to benefit from your donations:

- You must be a U.K. Taxpayer
- You must complete a Gift Aid Declaration
- Your contributions must be easily identified as coming from you.

For every pound you give, your parish will get back an additional 25 pence from the Inland Revenue.