

# Gift Aid and Tax Credits

If you receive Child Tax / Working Tax Credits, and use Gift Aid to pay your Tithes, declaring this may entitle you to more Tax Credit!

## Why?

Each year you provide the gross amount of your income, that is, your **income before tax and National Insurance** contributions have been taken off (see your P60 provided by your employer).

However, contributions to any HM Revenue & Customs registered **pension scheme** and payments under the **Gift Aid scheme** should be deducted when you work out your income for a tax credit claim.

The more of your giving you put through Gift Aid (tithes & offerings, missions, building fund) the more your gross income will be reduced.

## How?

Mossvale Community Church provides you with a record of all your Gift Aid contributions for the previous financial year each May.

**Use the Working Sheet** to calculate relief and losses found at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/tax-credits-income-working-sheet-tc825](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tax-credits-income-working-sheet-tc825) **or call the Tax Credit Office Helpline 0845 300 3900** at the time of renewal for more help.

## For example,

if during the Tax Year you had given £2000 through Gift Aid; your gross Gift Aid donations would be £2500.

This means you deduct £2500 from your income, and Mossvale Community Church claims back £500 from HMR&C.

**Please ensure that you have paid sufficient tax**, equal to or greater than the amount we will claim back, especially if you have also signed a Gift Aid declaration and made donations to other charitable organisations - (e.g. *sponsoring people through the JustGiving or VirginMoneyGiving websites donations to PDEA, Samaritan's Purse, Comic /Sports Relief, Children in Need etc*).

## When?

Tax Credit Renewal Packs go out between April to July each year. Remember also that there are changes to Tax Credits introduced each April, and so your entitlement may well be about to *reduce*.

If you haven't been using Gift Aid for all your contributions to the Church, it may be worth your while **starting to do it now for the next financial year!** Just pop any donation, no matter how small into an envelope with your name / donor number, the date and reason for giving (general offering, missions, building fund).

Each May we will confirm how much you have given, and how much the Church will be claiming back.