

## ST LUKE'S CHURCH, GRAYSHOTT

### GIVING AND FINANCE

We believe that our giving should not be out of obligation, but out of our worshipful response to God, who in Jesus gave himself for us, and of course: God 'loves a cheerful giver' (2 Cor.9:7). Examples of giving in the Bible vary from the tax collector who gave away half his wealth and promised restitution for anyone he had cheated; to the widow who gave the smallest possible coin – 'out of her poverty she gave all she had', to the early disciples who shared their possessions to ensure that everyone was provided for. All these are expressions of unrestrained delight and joy in giving to God.

Of course there is always the Old Testament Jewish standard of a 'tithe' or tenth of your produce. You can argue if this is before or after tax, and if it is just for the local church or shared among Christian charities, or all charities. Since it is a Biblical standard and we have freedom in Christ, we can ask 'is it binding any longer?' There are two problems with this discussion – firstly it is in the New Covenant in Christ, as with marriage, we offer all of ourselves, and we receive all of God, and secondly it distracts from the joy of giving, by focussing on legalities. Even so, the Tithe provides an interesting and helpful guideline, and challenge!

Overall, we believe we should give abundantly and generously – and discover how wonderfully God blesses a cheerful giver. What this means in practice for you, in terms of appropriate amount will depend on your personal circumstances and responsibilities. We are very conscious that many of our members give very generously to other very worthwhile causes. However, we ask that all people, who are members of the church and who believe in the ministry of St Luke's, contribute financially to our ministry, however small or large that donation may be.

St Luke's Church, like most churches in the UK, are almost entirely funded by voluntary giving from the church members. Churches do not generally receive any income from central or local government, except where they provide specific, government supported services.

It costs nearly £150,000 a year to run St Luke's church. We are grateful to the many people who enable the church to flourish through regular planned giving: this is usually done by a monthly standing order.

There is always a collection plate available at each service.

### WAYS OF GIVING

#### **Standing Order**

Having a regular income is very helpful so the church can plan its activities to make best use of the available funds. You can set up a standing order by online banking, or by completing a form at your bank.

The bank details you may need are as follows:

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Sort Code: **30-93-94**

Account name: **St Luke's Grayshott PCC – Stewardship A/c**

Account no: **00803798**

### OTHER WAYS TO GIVE:

If you prefer to make a donation by **cheque**, these can be made payable to '**St Luke's, Grayshott PCC – General account**' and sent to the Church Office address.

You can also leave a donation in the collection plate at one of our services.

### ONLINE

You can donate online by clicking [HERE](#). This will take you to the online donation page provided by [Give-A-Little](#) and the funds are automatically transferred to St Luke's.

### GIFT AID

If you have paid sufficient tax in the tax year in which you make the donation, then we are able to claim an additional 25% on all the amounts given.

This is clearly very significant for us, so please do complete a Gift Aid form if you are entitled to do so.

You can download a form [here](#). Please complete and send a scan of the form to [eshelaghedwards@aol.com](mailto:eshelaghedwards@aol.com)

You can also collect hard copies of the form from, and return them to the Church Office.

### YOUTH FUND

We have a separate fund to support the provision of a Youth Minister in Grayshott. Should you wish to contribute to this fund by standing order then the account to pay into is;

Sort Code: **30-93-94**

Account name: **St Luke's Grayshott PCC – Stewardship A/c**

Account no: **27336260**

Otherwise payments can be made as online by clicking [HERE](#).

**Thank you very much for your support of the work of St Luke's Church.**

### VICAR'S RELIEF FUND

During the Covid - 19 lockdown St Luke's Church recognises that there will be many who cannot cope financially for various reasons e.g. redundancy, furlough, cash flow difficulties. These people are in a very difficult position and may need our help.

We are making an appeal to those who can help to donate to this fund so that when we hear of people in hardship we may be able to provide some help.

#### **Fund Objectives:**

- The fund is to help those in need during the Covid – 19 emergency

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- Anyone living or working in the Parish or is a member of the St Luke's community is eligible to apply.
- Help will be decided by the Vicar and at least two other Standing Committee members and will be commensurate to the need and the amount within the fund.
- At the conclusion of the emergency any balance remaining will be transferred to the Vicar's Discretionary Fund.

There are two ways to donate:

### *Online*

If you can, donate online by clicking [HERE](#). This will take you to the online donation page provide by [Give-A-Little](#) and the funds are automatically transferred to St Luke's.

### *Bank Transfer*

If you can support this fund then please transfer money into St Luke's Grayshott PCC - General account.

Sort code 30-93-94;

Account no 00803895.

Referenc/Description: "VR Fund".

If you are able to **Gift Aid your donation** and we already have your approval to claim tax, you do not have to do anything more. If you are new to St Luke's and are able to Gift Aid your donation then email [office@stlukes-grayshott.org](mailto:office@stlukes-grayshott.org) and we shall send you a form to complete.

## LEGACIES

If you happen to be thinking about your will, please remember St Luke's and our on-going mission here in Grayshott and beyond.

Finally, while we cannot function without funds to pay our obligations, or continue the mission of the Church, no Church community can truly function without huge element of voluntary service, and I am enormously grateful for all the time that is spent by so many, in many different ways, to serve, to administrate to clean and facilitate the smooth working of St Luke's. These contributions are hugely valuable, and please never underestimate the contribution that they make. We do all this to the glory of God, and his mission.

Thank you very much,

Rev. Jeremy Haswell  
and the PCC