



Christ the King, Kettering

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Background to Gift Aid [2/16]

Provided you pay sufficient tax the church can reclaim an additional 25% for everything you give to the Church. (N.B. Gift Aid is only applicable to UK Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax and, for example, VAT or Council Tax paid are not counted).

Gift Aid is available for both regular giving by standing order and one-off gifts.

Apart from signing a declaration confirming that you pay sufficient tax and wish the Church to claim the tax back there is nothing more for you to do. The Church will make the reclaim direct with HM Revenue and Customs.

If you have signed an ongoing Gift Aid Declaration as part of the Church's Standing Order Scheme or Envelope Scheme that declaration also covers additional one off gifts. There is also a separate declaration especially for one-off gifts.

You do not need to be a member of CtK to make a Gift Aided donation to the Church. But please sign a one off gift declaration.

It is important that you have paid (or will pay in the relevant tax year) sufficient tax (either Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax) on all your Gift Aid donations. If you pay less tax than the amount claimed on all your donations then you will be responsible for paying any difference.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher rate 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. This additional relief is not claimed back by charities direct and higher rate tax payers may like to adjust the amount of their giving in respect of this extra relief.

CtK treats all information on giving as confidential and the Treasurer and Gift Aid Co-Ordinator are the only people who have details of individual giving. Neither the clergy nor PCC receive information on individual giving.

It is important that you notify the Treasurer or Gift Aid co-ordinator via the office if you

- Want to cancel your Gift Aid Declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax.