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Giving Financially

Why we give, how to do it
and what gift-aid is

How is York Vineyard Church financed?

God has called us to do a job. From the outset, this church has consisted of people who are willing to devote their time, energy and money to this task. We believe that as part of our worship of God and commitment to His purpose we should give a proportion of our income to finance the work of His church.

What are the benefits of giving?

We believe that there are a number of sound reasons behind the Bible's instruction to give . The apostle Paul lists some of them in 2 Corinthians 9:6-15:

- Generous giving generates rich rewards (v6)
- We experience God's love and favour (v8)
- God's grace is multiplied to us (v10)
- It expresses thanksgiving to God (v11)
- People's needs are met (v12)
- It creates gratitude (v15)

Furthermore we believe that giving should be characterised by joy and cheerfulness, and that no-one should give either reluctantly or under compulsion (v7).

What are the principles of giving?

We believe that Paul gives helpful instructions on this issue. In 1 Corinthians 16, he sets out five principles for giving:

- Regularly - choose a set time interval for your giving, weekly or monthly
- Individually - everyone is invited to participate
- Systematically - let your giving be planned thoughtfully
- Proportionally - the proportion is far more significant than the amount
- Locally - our primary commitment is to our own church

How are the church's finances organised?

York Vineyard is registered with the Charity Commissioners as a charitable company limited by guarantee in England and Wales, Charity No. 1125764, and we are therefore subject to the law governing charities. There are five trustees who oversee the financial affairs of the church: David Heaton, Nicki Abbey, Jonathan Abbey, David Gill, Tim Farnhill. Our Financial Administrator is Joanna Allen.

What are the safeguards against mismanagement?

We seek to implement the principles set out in the New Testament regarding the management of money given for the purpose of financing ministry. We therefore, take great care to do what is right in the eyes of both the Lord and men; avoiding any grounds for criticism of the way monies are administered and involve a team of trustworthy people, not just one person (2 Cor 8:18-21). Annual statements relating to the financial activities of the church are made available to the church and are subject to specific financial policies, to which we strictly adhere to.

Gift Aid

If you pay income or capital gains tax, the church is entitled to reclaim the tax you have paid on your gift. When you sign a Gift Aid Declaration you declare that you want us to reclaim tax on that which you have paid. Any sum given to a charity can now fall within the scheme. We recover tax at basic rate and all at no cost to you! If you are a higher rate tax payer you can claim tax relief on your gifts.

How can I give?

There are a number of ways that you can give to York Vineyard:

- Cash - envelopes can be acquired from the offering baskets
- Cheque - payable to York Vineyard
- Standing order - please complete the enclosed form
- Online - yorkvineyard.com/giving

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

All giving to York Vineyard is hugely appreciated.



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