
HOW TO GIVE

Standing Order

Most of us in TBC give our offerings by monthly Standing Order, directly from our bank accounts. If you would like to set up this payment method the church's details are:
Sort code: 55-61-38 Account no.:72400528

Gift Aid

If you are a tax payer, at no extra cost to you, it makes a huge difference if you Gift Aid your offerings. Contact Allister for more details or for the forms to complete. (Allister is also able to supply a full copy of our audited accounts if you would like to see them).

Cash Offering

For those who find it easier to give by a cash offering, look out for the offering box near the door on a Sunday, or place your gift in an envelope and deliver it to the Church Office during the week.

Card Offering

Offerings can be made by card machine at TBC on a Sunday or during office opening hours.

HELP & ADVICE

For more information about how to give, to view a copy of our annual accounts or to ask for a Gift Aid Form contact:

Mark Vincer in the TBC office
(office@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk) or
Allister our Financial team Leader
(treasurer@thornburybaptistchurch.org.uk)

CHURCH FINANCES

Thornbury Baptist Church is a self-funding local family of believers. Our finances come only from those who attend the church: there is no other source of income.

This leaflet explains the importance of Christian giving, and some of the practicalities of giving to God through TBC.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The **elders** of the church have the responsibility for setting an annual budget and for expenditure.

The **Trustees** oversee the church's financial affairs, prepare our Annual Accounts and keep us legal!

The **Finance Team** oversee the management of the budget and do the clever stuff with numbers and spreadsheets.

Audited annual accounts are available for anyone to view on request.

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Christian Giving

at
Thornbury Baptist Church



WHAT WE SPEND

Everything that is given to TBC is carefully accounted for and prayerfully spent. Our major areas of expenditure are:

Our Staff Team We employ people, in a range of roles to release their time and skills to develop our shared life and mission. As with any organisation, staff costs constitute the major part of our expenditure (about 60%).

Our Mission Partners Through our Mission Focus Group we support a range of mission partners within the UK and around the world. Through regular giving and special gifts around 20% of our income is given to these people and projects.

Our Building and Facilities Our building is heavily used throughout the week. The costs of maintaining it, insuring it, equipping it etc constitute a significant part of our expenditure (around 13%).

Youth Work We resource work with young people, both inside and outside of the church.

Care Fund Through regular giving and special gifts we provide support to people in the church and community who are in need.

PRINCIPLES FOR GIVING

Give as freely as you have received! (Matthew 10:8)

Christian giving is a heart-response to God's generosity towards us.

Our financial generosity is a part of our Christian discipleship, and of our worship. Our giving is not to 'pay for the church', but primarily to express our gratitude and love to God.

In the Old Testament Law ten percent of a person's income was to be given to God (Leviticus 27:30). This law of 'tithing' is no longer binding on Christians. We are called to think of *all* that we have as God's resources in our possession, and live with *radical generosity* as our guide! "Give as freely as you have received!" (Matthew 10:8)

The following principles can guide us as we prayerfully consider how to arrange our a giving.

Give regularly

"On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned."

(1 Corinthians 16:2)

Give proportionately

"Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have."

(2 Corinthians 8:12)

Give freely

"You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully".

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Give generously

"... they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity.

(2 Corinthians 8:2,3)

