

Financial Response Form

"I'm delighted that you've taken one of our financial response forms. Regular donations are the most important form of income we receive, and when they are made via standing order, they help further by saving administrative costs, as well as being a safe and secure method of donating. Whether you already make regular financial donations, or if you are prepared to start doing so, it is greatly appreciated and a vital part of sustaining the life and ministry of the church. Thank you."

Rev. Mark Cowling, Team Rector, Seven Saints

Seven Saints, New Bury w. Gt. Lever

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| A | I wish to start giving on a regular basis £..... each week/month/year from Sunday (insert date) |
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OR

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| B | I will increase my giving from £..... to £..... each week/month/year from Sunday (insert date) |
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OR

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| C | I will continue my present giving of £..... each week/month/year from Sunday (insert date) |
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I would like to give.....

*by cash/cheque in weekly envelopes

*by payments through my bank

(*please delete as appropriate)

Full Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

GIFT AID DECLARATION

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Title..... Forename(s).....

Surname.....

Home Address.....

Postcode.....

Please treat as Gift Aid all qualifying donations I have made in the last 4 years and all subsequent donations until I notify you otherwise.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signed.....

Date.....

Notes:

1. You must pay an amount of income tax (at whatever rate) and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax that the church, and all other charities can reclaim on your donations in the appropriate tax year (currently 25p for each £1 you give).

Please notify the Church if you:

- 1 want to cancel this declaration
- 2 change your name or home address
- 3 no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay income tax at the higher rate, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return if you want to receive the additional tax relief due to you.

This Parish complies with its obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation and as such will only use your personal data for the purposes of processing Gift Aid as required by HMRC and claiming appropriate tax relief. Please request a copy of our Privacy Notice to find out more about how your personal data is treated.

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Please do not detach – we will forward this to your bank. Alternatively, please indicate if you prefer to set up a standing order directly.

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| Bank Name: | | | | | | |
| Sort code: | | | | | | |
| Name of account to be debited: | | | | | | |
| Account no: | | | | | | |

Please pay to: The Co-operative Bank, Delf House, Southway, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT

Sort Code: 08-92-99 Account No: 65459913

Account Name: Seven Saints PCC

The Sum of £..... (figures)

..... (words)

On the.....(day of)(month)
20.....

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/ANNUALLY until further notice (delete as appropriate). This replaces any existing order for this beneficiary.

Signed.....

Date.....20.....

Please tick if you are setting up a standing order directly

Online giving by debit or credit card can be done securely online at <https://my.give.net/SevenSaints>

Give by text: Text SSTM00 (n.b. two zeros!) and then £3, £5, or £10 to donate the amount you wish. You can gift aid text donations too.

Stewardship at Seven Saints

A steward is best defined as a person looking after something that does not actually belong to them. The Bible makes very clear that God is ultimately the giver of everything that we have, so that, in effect, we are all God's stewards, and should treat everything we have as if it belongs to Him. This includes our time, our talents, and the money we have.

We are called to be generous people, as this reflects the heart of a God who is generous to us. There is both a spiritual and practical aspect to giving - spiritually, the practice of generosity helps us to grow in our faith, as God promises to honour those who give in His name. Generosity is an adventure of faith.

Practical-ly, giving is what funds the mission of every church, in helping not just to pay bills but sustain our buildings, which are a key resource for our communities as well as funding mission initiatives, which are the means by which churches grow, and in turn release more generous and faith-filled givers to transform the places in which they live and work.

Scripture teaches the principle of **proportional giving**, and the Church of England uses this principle to encourage the giving of a percentage of disposable income (*i.e. income after tax and national insurance*). We should therefore seek to give a certain amount for each £1 of our disposable income.

Scripture refers to the giving of a tithe, or tenth. The Church of England has urged us to aim to provide a basic standard of 5p per £1.00 (*i.e. 5%*) to our church and 5% to charities and missions.

If you would like to know more about the Seven Saints vision and how you can offer your talents and resources, please sign up for a Focus session.

Your giving is crucial to Seven Saints

The Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance fund the costs of stipendiary clergy and request a proportional contribution from every church to help with this. In 2018 they generously reduced the amount requested from Seven Saints for the next three years in order that we can deliver our mission plan to grow our church attendance and giving by 10% per year.

Your giving is what enables our mission plan to happen - a plan that involves proclaiming, discipling, helping those in need, dealing with injustice and caring for creation.

We reach out to our community as one parish but also as four churches, each with its unique and special mission reaching different people in the four corners of our parish.

Children - in addition to family services and junior church, we run Thurs 7pm at St. Catherine's and Messy Church at St. George's, reaching nearly 200 children and adults.

Teenagers - collaborating with other churches in Farnworth, we're supporting the Christian Youth Network to support discipleship of teenagers in our churches and reach out into the High Schools in the area.

World Café - partnership with St. Michael's primary school to build inter-faith friendships and work for community cohesion.

Hope for Life - running a foodbank session and caring for people with complex needs in our community.

Ageing Well - running a senior citizens group at St. Catherine's, and developing ministries in care homes and dementia sufferers.

As we increase our giving, we can increase our social, cultural and spiritual impact in this work.



Seven Saints Team

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One Parish, Four Churches

Giving