



*Blisworth*  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
TO KNOW HIM AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

# Giving to Blisworth Baptist Church



## Offerings

Why do we give?

*“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it” Psalm 24:1*

When we give to God’s work, we are giving back just a small portion of what God has already given us.

All good gifts come from heaven above and God has blessed us with so many things, so when we give regularly to God’s work, we are putting him in his rightful place over our finances. This is an important part of our Christian discipleship.

Anyone that visits the Church can give regularly or give one off donations. Scripture encourages us to give regularly from the first portion of what we have, willingly, generously and with a joyful heart.

In this Church we aim to follow the following principles in managing our money:

- To give a percentage of our income to Home Mission (the funds of the Baptist Union of Great Britain) and to BMS World Mission
- To give a further percentage of our income to support other external charities – decisions about this are made by the members (with Leaders’ proposals)

All of our money is used to advance the Christian faith. As well as tithing (10%) of our income to the above charities (although it is normally more), we also have many payments that are practical and are associated with the organisation and maintenance of the Church. Our principle expenses include:

- Paying our Pastor & Cleaner
- Buying materials to be used in our young people’s work
- Paying gas, electricity and water bills
- Maintaining the Church grounds and buildings
- Reimbursing reasonable expenses to those who volunteer for the Church

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for god loves a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:7*

## How can I give?

You can set up a standing order or online payment using these details:

Account name: Blisworth Baptist Church  
Account number: 67222407  
Sort code: 08 92 99  
Bank: Co-op

When you have set this up, you can change the frequency and amount at any time, but it also helps you make your offering and not forget as it's automatic

Using this system helps us budget for the year and set our giving levels as a church.

## Alternatively

You can give on a Sunday morning with a cheque made payable to Blisworth Baptist Church, or a cash donation. This allows you to give intentionally; consciously offering your gift as a part of your Sunday worship

## Gift Aid

Gift aid allows charities like us to claim back 25% from the government on the tax you have already paid on your earnings.

This means that for every £1 you give BBC, we claim an extra 25p from the government as long as you are a UK taxpayer. A £10 gift becomes £12.50; a £100 gift becomes £125!

## What Next?

All you need to do is fill in the gift aid form on the reverse of this sheet and pass on to the church treasurer or any of the leadership team.  
If your circumstances change and perhaps you stop paying tax or move house, you need to let us know.

**Thank you - from the Church Leadership Team**

## Charity Gift Aid Declaration

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate  
Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current  
tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

**In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:**

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

*Name of Charity: Blisworth Baptist Church*

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.

## My Details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Surname**

Full Home address

Please notify the charity if you:

## Signature

want to cancel this declaration

change your name or home address

no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher 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 or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.