

## Ways to give... (2)

### Online giving\*

You can give to Watchet Baptist Church online if you wish. Please go to:

[www.my.give.net/WatchetBaptist](http://www.my.give.net/WatchetBaptist)

Follow the instructions on the website to give. You can also Gift Aid your offering if you give in this way.

### Text giving\*\*

We recognise that many people don't carry cash anymore and some might not have a bank account... but nearly everyone has a mobile phone! You can give to the church simply by sending a text—the amount you give will be added to your phone bill or taken off your phone credit. This can be done really quickly, even in the time it takes to hand the collection bags around during our Sunday gathering! Text our church code (WABC14) and the amount you want to give up to £10 to **70070**. Here's an example if you wanted to give £5:

**WABC14 £5**

### Leaving a Legacy

This is a wonderful way to support God's Kingdom through his church. These are the kind of gifts that often help a church to 'reach out more' (i.e. employ more staff, buy new buildings etc). Please prayerfully consider whether you might be able to leave some of your estate to the church and ask our Minister or Treasurer for details if you would like to know more.

\* A small percentage of your gift will be kept by the operating company to cover their admin costs. Please ask the bill-payer before giving by text.

### Gift Aid

If you are a UK Tax Payer, please consider using Gift Aid to increase your gift. This means that for every £1 you give to the church we can claim an extra 25p back from the government's Tax Office. Over a year this means we are able to claim back several thousands of pounds which makes a huge difference to our mission and ministry as a church. Please fill in a Gift Aid Declaration Form, return it to our Treasurer and then give as per normal using whichever method you choose.

### Church Account Details

**Sort Code:** 30-19-57

**Account Number:** 00382042

Please make cheques payable to:

**Watchet Baptist Church**

Thank you so much for your generosity!



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## Watchet Baptist Church

 sharing God's hope with our communities



### A Guide to Giving



[www.watchetbaptist.org.uk/donate](http://www.watchetbaptist.org.uk/donate)

## About giving...

The Bible talks a lot about money and what we do with it—over 2000 verses in fact! The gospels record that Jesus spoke more about this subject than almost all others; more than heaven & hell, church, leadership, sexual ethics... this is clearly a subject Jesus wants us to think about even if that's not always a comfortable thing for us to do!

There is a clear principle throughout the Bible that we ought to give some of our income away. The exact amount we give is up to us. We're encouraged to give what we've decided in our hearts to give (2 Cor 9:7) - in other words, it's between us and God. The Bible suggests anything from 10% of what we have to stories of those who Jesus asked to give 100% away! The amount is not as important as the attitude with which we give. We're instructed to give "not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful giver**". (2 Cor 9:7)



So let's not be stingy or tight-fisted givers! Let's give back to God with glad and thankful hearts for all that he has given to us—he is amazing!

## Reasons to give...

### We are blessed!

God has blessed us with so much! Even when we might feel poor we still have so much more than the vast majority of people in this world. The wealth we have is a gift from God—we ought to be thankful to him for it—but we should also understand that he has given to us so we can give to others.

### We are expected to.

When Jesus talks about giving he does so with the expectation that we already give. He doesn't command us to give because he assumes this is something that followers of God do anyway. Instead he instructs us about the right attitude to give with; not boastfully or with a proud heart but **privately** and **sacrificially** with **a heart of compassion** (Matt 6:1-4; Lk 21:1-4).

### We are committed to building God's Kingdom.

God doesn't *need* our money to build his Kingdom; but he does choose to use all that we give to him to see his Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Every penny you give to the church is used in one way or another for the Kingdom of God either here in our community or across the world. As a church we support mission and ministry here in the UK but also in some of the neediest parts of God's earth. If we are committed to God we will also be committed to building his Kingdom through his church.

## Ways to give... (1)

### Regular Standing Order

We are grateful for your giving in whatever form but for many people, prayerfully considering how much each month they should give and then



setting up a regular Standing Order from their bank account directly to the church is the best way.

Unlike a Direct Debit, you are in charge of your Standing

Orders—you can change or cancel them at any time. It also really helps with church budgeting if our Treasurer has a rough idea of how much money will be given each month and regular Standing Orders enables this. Our church Bank Account details are on the back of this leaflet.

### Sunday Offerings

Some people still prefer to give during our Sunday act of worship using cash or a cheque. We will always make sure this is possible. For those who attend church regularly and remember to bring their offering, this is a wonderful way to give! If you are a Tax Payer using Gift Aid (see over-page) and give cash, please consider putting your offering in an envelope with your name on it so it can be properly accounted for.