

## Ministry at St Gabriel's

Here are some of the areas of ministry that the giving in the church currently supports:

- **clergy**—giving at St Gabriel's pays for the cost of the full time ministry of the vicar and curate (when we have one)
- **mission locally, nationally and internationally**—the church gives away 12% of our income to people and ministries that we support, locally, nationally and internationally
- **worship**—we place a high priority on worship and part of our giving pays the cost of our worship minister
- **children youth and families** are an important part of our ministry and part of our giving pays the cost of our children youth and families minister
- **children** - we have growing numbers of children attending the church and we support our children's team with resources and training
- **youth**—our ministry among youth is growing and our giving supports this ministry
- **community**—we have a growing ministry during the week; we open the church building to a variety of activities where we seek to serve and witness to our local community. Our giving pays to support and enable this and pays the cost of our café manager
- **support services**—the ministry of the church is supported by paid staff who contribute to administration, managing our buildings and finances, as well as housekeeping and caretaking
- **hospitality**—at St Gabriel's, we love to meet and eat in all sorts of places .. much of this is supported by the generosity of individuals, but the church also supports this ministry
- **buildings and grounds**—our church building and church hall are key to our worship of God as well as our ministry in the community. We are seeking to maintain and develop our buildings, especially the hall
- **ministries**—many members of the church give generously of their time to support God's work, and our giving pays for the resources that are needed in areas such as communication and administration, worship, sound and vision equipment, church courses (including Alpha), our website and more

## Plans for the Future?

The vicar, church wardens, staff and church council work together with the wider membership of the church to seek God for his plans and purposes for St Gabriel's. **The giving of the members of St Gabriel's could make some of these dreams a reality.** Here are some of the possibilities that have been discussed by the church council ...

- **Staff**—the ministry of the church is enriched by the gifts of all our members—in addition, investing in members of staff helps areas of ministry flourish. We would like to increase our regular giving so as to continue to support staff members working in different areas of church life.
- **mission**—we are gradually refurbishing our church hall, as a place to be an 'engine room' to resource our mission. One-off gifts are particularly useful for this.
- **buildings and grounds**—we want to continue to care for and develop our buildings and grounds, so that they are a blessing and witness to our community. In particular, we would like to build rooms in the space to the side of the chancel, both on the ground floor and above - which could extend over the kitchen and raphael room.

# Giving to St Gabriel's funding our ministry

*St Gabriel's is a registered charity*

### YOUR GIVING TO ST GABRIEL'S ..

- at least 12% of all the money you give is given away to support a wide range of our **mission partners** locally, nationally and internationally
- we pay for our **staff**, including our ordained church staff
- your giving enables us to support the wide range of **ministry** that happens in St Gabriel's such as .. youth, children, families, administration, worship, daytime ministries, housekeeping, Alpha and much more!
- our **buildings** are a key part of our life together and our ministry in the community—and we are seeking to look after them properly

**ONE OFF GIFTS** If you pay tax and would like to give a one-off gift to the church at any time, please complete the giving envelope in the church chairs and put your gift in the offering. Cheques payable to 'St Gabriel's Church'.

Thank you.

## Our Vision and our Financial Giving

St Gabriel's has an exciting and challenging vision, much of which needs financial support to make it happen.

All our money comes from church members, and we encourage all members of the church to consider regular giving. Much of the money we spend is paid out monthly, so wherever possible, a regular standing order through your bank is the most helpful way to give.

The bible encourages Christians to give 10% ('a tithe') of their income to the ministry of the church. We invite members of St Gabriel's to see this as a guideline.

If you would like to start giving to the church, or change the amount you currently give, please complete the form, and return it to a member of staff, or post it to the church office, or put it in the tray on the table by the sound desk. If you are a taxpayer, please fill in the gift aid declaration which will enable the church to reclaim tax on your giving.

We also welcome those who would like to make or change payments by internet banking. Please use the details of the church bank account on the form to set this up. If you are giving in this way for the first time, please also complete and hand in the Gift Aid declaration.

## What does the Bible say about Giving?

*Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."*

Luke 6:38

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Matthew 7:19-21

*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

## Setting up a Standing Order

To set up a new Standing Order, or to change the amount you give by Standing Order, please do it online and fill in just your name and address here, or fill in this form and give it to a member of staff:

### My details:

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

Surname: .....

My address and postcode: .....

### Please Pay:

Account name: St Gabriel's Church

Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account Number: 00018694  
at CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill,  
West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

the sum of ..... ( £..... )  
(please insert in words and figures)

from ..... /..... /..... and monthly thereafter until  
further notice and debit my account accordingly.

### Details of my account:

Bank name: .....

Bank address: .....

Account name: .....

Sort code: ..... Account no: .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Please tick this box if this standing order  
replaces an existing standing order to St Gabriel's

When completed, please give this form, and the Gift Aid declaration if appropriate, to a member of staff or post it to the church. Thank you.

**Please do not send this form directly to your bank.**

## Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a taxpayer, please fill in this Gift Aid declaration, which will enable the church to reclaim tax on your giving at no extra expense to you.

Basic rate tax is currently 20% - this allows St Gabriel's to reclaim Gift Aid of 25p on every £1 given, £2.50 on every £10 given.

### My details:

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

Surname: .....

Address and postcode: .....

I wish St Gabriel's to treat all donations that I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations. I have paid tax as set out below\*.

Signature: .....

Date: ..... /..... /.....

Please give this form in with your Standing Order form.  
Thank you.

\*I wish Gift Aid to apply to the enclosed donation and I confirm I will pay in this tax year an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount that all charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs to which I give will reclaim for this year.

I understand that other taxes such as Council Tax and VAT do not qualify.

### Notes:

- You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the church.
- If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and capital gains equal to the tax that the church reclaims, you should cancel your declaration.
- If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
- If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask a member of staff or the treasurer, or refer to [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)
- Please notify the church if you change your name or address.