

## Gift Aid

We would like to explain our Gift Aid scheme.

- 1) Our Parish would like to thank everyone who already makes contributions and has signed a Gift Aid form.
- 2) Last year the collections came to around 120K. From this 60K was gift aided, and this brought in a further 16.6K from HMRC.
- 3) There are currently 152 Gift Aid contributors in our parish. Over the last year we have had four new people sign up. We have sadly lost eight contributors.
- 4) Donating through Gift Aid means our Parish can claim an extra 25p from every £1.00 you give.
- 5) For anyone who is not sure about Gift Aid and how it works, we will explain:
  - Anyone who is working or retired and pays tax can sign a Gift Aid form for this Parish. All you need to do is sign one form for HMRC, you only have to do this once.
  - You can make contributions in many ways: Envelopes, Standing order or cheque.
  - If you use the envelopes you can vary your contributions, you do not need to give a fixed amount each week.
  - At the end of the tax year our Parish sends in a form to HMRC claiming the Gift Aid amount from every one's contributions.
- 6) If you are a higher rate tax payer, you can record this in your own personal tax return and HMRC will adjust your tax threshold.
- 7) You may be concerned about privacy. There is only one person in the Parish who knows about the contributions. That person fills in the annual claim form for HMRC.

We are asking for anyone who is a tax payer and makes contributions to sign up to Gift Aid. It would be beneficial to our Parish at no extra cost to yourself. This could add a significant amount to our income to assist with our ongoing costs.