

## **GIFT AID - A GIFT FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO OUR CHURCH**

Because the government wants to encourage us to be a giving society, it gives us the opportunity via the Gift Aid scheme to maximise our giving and thereby meet our commitments to the community.

So long as you pay enough tax (income or capital gains tax) to equal your donations, we can reclaim the basic rate tax which you have already paid on the income from which those donations have been made. Most of us pay at least enough tax to cover our charitable donations.

Put simply, the amount our Church can reclaim, at present, is just over 28 percent of our donations. We need this additional income if our Church is to flourish, which is what we all pray for.

All you have to do is complete and sign the Gift Aid declaration which can be downloaded from our website and either send it to me at the address below or leave it at the back of All Saints Church or at King Edward Hall. You do not have to commit to any amount, your declaration applies to *all* your giving to our Church, provided that we can identify how much you give either by your envelopes, by your standing order, or by your cheques.

Each year I will confirm to you in writing the amount of your donations and the tax which we will be able to reclaim. If at any time the amount of tax you pay falls below the amount which you give, that will be the time to let me know.

Your generosity is already much appreciated, and I am sure you want to help us to maximise how our community can benefit from it.

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