

Joyful

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St John Newland  
Riverside Church  
St Faith's

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*"Out of the most severe trial, [the Macedonian churches] overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity"*

2 Corinthians 8:2 NIV

## GIVING OURSELVES WITH JOY

First, we need to give ourselves as a thankful response to God's love. Then we need to give financial support to the work of Christ.

## GIVING FOR THE GOSPEL WITH JOY

20,000 live in our parish. Too few believe in Christ as Saviour and live for him as Lord; but God so loved the world and 'the Son of God ... loved me and gave himself for me' (Gal 2:20 NIV)

## GIVING SYSTEMATICALLY WITH JOY

'Each ... should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income' (1 Cor 16:2 NIV). The Bible speaks of 10% - a tithe; the poor widow gave 100%.

## GIVING GENEROUSLY WITH JOY

It is a privilege to give for the Gospel and the work in Hull and beyond need our joyful support. 'Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!' (2 Cor 9:15 NIV)

# HOW TO GIVE

We suggest giving to The Newland Christian Trust (a registered charity) which funds most of the staff and much of our ministry; it also enables our mission giving. (The smaller PCC account is for ordinary parish church costs).

**If you have any queries or would prefer to give to St. John's PCC, contact the PCC treasurer, Gareth Cresswell (garethjcresswell@gmail.com).**

## THERE ARE THREE WAYS OF GIVING:

### 1. PLANNED GIVING

No need to be frightened by this. First work out the amount you wish to give – (e.g. 10% of income - tithe). Then fill in the yellow 'Giving to the Newland Christian Trust – your Pledge' form, which is confidential.

**If you are paying income tax:** If you wish to make regular payments from your bank to ours, fill in the Standing Order form. You can also give by cheque. If you are a taxpayer see the relevant section regarding Gift Aid. Please fill in the Gift Aid Declaration if you have not done so before or if your name / address have changed. This enables us to reclaim income tax on your giving at no further cost to you.

**If you are not paying income tax,** planning your giving is nevertheless a good discipline. It enables you to fulfil your obligations to the Lord's work. You can fill in the Standing Order form or give by bank transfer or cheque.

Knowing the number of people truly committed to the fellowship helps us to see God's will for the future.

By planning our giving we are demonstrating that we mean business as Christians, and we mean the Lord's business to go forward.

## 2. UNPLANNED GIVING IN THE COLLECTION PLATE

Unplanned giving using the collection plate in the service is usually for visitors, rather than regular church members, and will go towards the PCC account.

## 3. LEGACIES

Don't forget God's work when you make your will. Information on wills can be obtained from the church office.

## THE GIFT AID DECLARATION

The essential feature of your Declaration is a request to the Newland Christian Trust (NCT) to claim back basic rate tax on your giving.

### **Please note:**

- If, in the future, your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and /or capital gains tax equal to the tax that the charity reclaims you must cancel your declaration by informing us.
- The Inland Revenue require your name and address, so it is vital that you give us your full name, and keep us up to date with your correct address to avoid any confusion in the future.

# A SUGGESTION FOR GIVING

## THE WORK AT ST JOHN'S, RIVERSIDE AND ST. FAITH'S

In 2019 we need £343,000 to do the work God is calling us to do. That sum needs our prayers and realistic giving. We have no subsidies. **The giving of each one is each one of us is vital.**

### BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

The cost of converting and equipping the expanded Newland Christian Centre is estimated at £300,000.

You could support the Building Project in one or several ways:

- Make a one-off transfer of funds electronically
- Make a one-off donation by cheque or cash
- Pledge a one-off payment(s) at a later date(s)
- Give regularly

If you wish to give to this vital project in addition to your regular giving, please indicate by which method you wish to give and the amount which will help us greatly in our planning.

Your partnership in this is very much appreciated and a cause for joy in the Lord.

### PLAN YOUR RESPONSE

**We invite you to fill this in for your own record.**

My income for the year is expected to be: £.....

10% or ..... % of this is therefore: £.....

I propose to give £ ..... to the Newland Christian Trust

# INFORMATION FOR TAX PAYERS

Under the Gift Aid scheme, if you pay tax in the UK, we can reclaim tax on your giving: 25p for every £1 you give in this way. You do not have to commit yourself to any set amount or to give for a fixed period, but:

You must sign a Gift Aid Declaration, which will cover any donations you make to The Newland Christian Trust or the PCC.

- You must be a UK taxpayer and
- You must give money in a way that can be traced for audit purposes *and*
- You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

So a basic rate tax payer can claim gift aid on donations up to 4 times the value of the income/capital gains tax you have paid in any one tax year; e.g. if you paid £1000 tax in a year you could gift aid up to £4000 of giving.

**There are five valid ways of making donations that can be traced for audit purposes:**

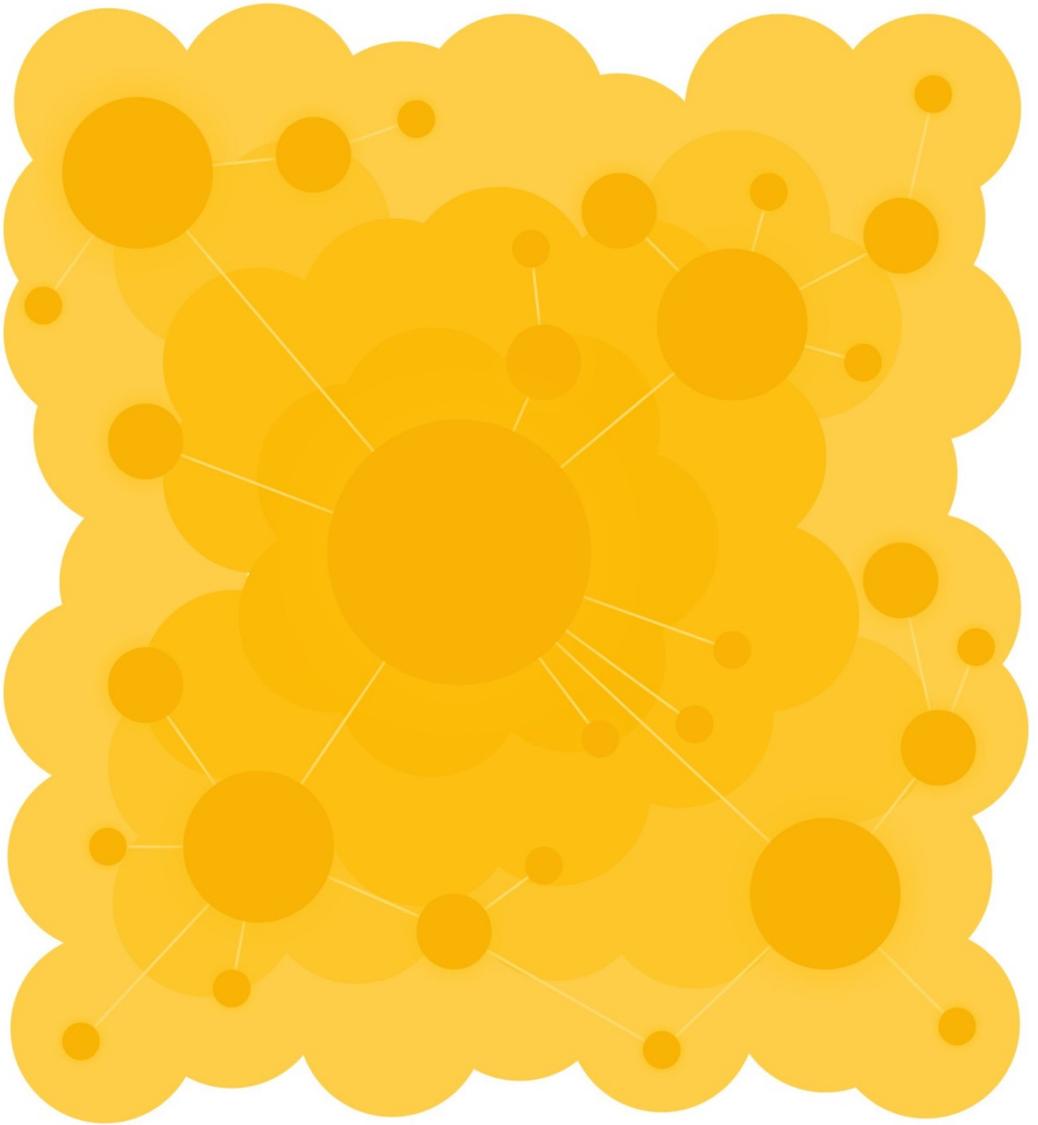
- You can complete a Standing Order form (enclosed) so that regular (monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annual) payments are made from your bank to ours, or
- You can make donations by direct bank transfer as long as your bank includes your name as part of the reference or
- You can use the yellow Gift Aid envelopes available in church or
- You can use the Weekly Envelope Giving scheme (ask the church office for details) or
- You can make your donations by cheque.

## **HIGHER RATE TAX PAYERS**

Higher rate taxpayers can claim back the difference between basic rate (20%) and higher (40%) rate or additional rate tax.

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. In addition, it is possible to claim higher rate tax relief against Capital Gains Tax liability as well as Income Tax.

**PLEASE RETURN THE YELLOW FORM TO THE OFFICE IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED - THANK YOU**



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