

ORPINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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Giving to Orpington Baptist Church

God loves a cheerful giver

Thank you for your interest in making regular offerings to Orpington Baptist Church.

Introduction

As a Baptist church we are independent and governed by decisions made at our members' church meetings. As such we receive no income from any central funds and are therefore dependent on the freewill offerings of those who worship at the church to support ourselves.

We believe that we should all be involved in giving to the church in the spirit of fellowship, according to our means and after prayerful consideration. We value generous and faithful giving and understand that people's ability to give can go down or up according to personal circumstances.

What do we do with everyone's offerings?

Our aim as a church is to advance God's kingdom by spreading the Lord's Good News through our vision to be Outward looking, Bible-based and Contemporary & relevant. This aim has financial implications in a number of areas including:

- Employing around 10 people in ministry, administration and upkeep of the premises
- Donating around 15-20% of our offerings to outreach missionary. For example – BMS, Tearfund, Spinnaker, Foodbank, as well as supporting ministries in Zambia, Czech Republic and Bangladesh
- Ongoing running costs, maintenance and repair of our church buildings

What are the different ways to make offerings?

There are several different ways that you can make offerings:-

Standing Order - This is for people who want to make regular monthly donations direct from their bank via BACS. It represents most of the church's income and helps us the most as it gives a predictable income each month which is important for financial budgeting

Gift envelopes - These have an individual number unique to you. You can vary the amount you give in each envelope and vary the frequency of giving from weekly to monthly etc.

PayPal – We have set up an OBC PayPal account which makes it easy to make one-off donations online

Church service collections – During each church service we pass around the offering bag to give people the opportunity to make a cash offering or give their gift envelope.

If you would like to make offerings through any of these ways please contact the church office on the email/phone number at the top of this sheet and someone will be able to help you.

Gift Aid Scheme – If you are a UK taxpayer, the Government will give OBC an extra 25p for every £1 you donate if you complete a Gift Aid Declaration form. To find out more please read the Gift Aid Scheme Guide.

Paul Cooke, Treasurer

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