

How does it work?

The Gift Aid scheme allows taxpayers to give to charities in such a way that the tax already paid can be claimed back and added to your giving.

How much is it worth?

Currently a gift of £10.00 increases in value to £12.50. The pennies do really make the pounds. Overall BEC recovers several thousand pounds a year.

Can anyone do it?

You need to be a UK taxpayer and pay enough Income Tax (at whatever rate) or Capital Gains Tax in each tax year to cover the tax reclaimed on your giving.

How much can I give?

Providing that tax has been paid on your gift, there is no upper limits on how much you can give. If you pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all your donations in that tax year it is your responsibility to pay any difference.

How often can I give?

As often as you like; weekly, monthly, annually, in fact whenever you want, whatever is best suited to your needs.

How can I give?

Your gift must be traceable to you, so by cheque, standing order, or cash in an envelope with your name on. We can provide envelopes if you require.

What about the long-term?

Having made a gift, there is no legal commitment to continue. Just let us know if for any reason you need to stop, or if you change your address. Your commitment is solely between yourselves and the Lord.

Who will know what I give?

Full confidentiality is maintained. Only the HM Revenue & Customs, those who administer the scheme and the examiners

or auditors of BECs accounts know who gives what. Details of gifts are not circulated to the Church Leadership

I pay higher 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.

I've stopped paying tax:

If after starting to give via Gift Aid you cease to be a taxpayer or to pay enough tax, you should notify us so that we do not try and reclaim tax not paid.

What about gifts already made?

Providing your gift was traceable (i.e. by cheque, envelope or standing order), your Gift Aid declaration can cover all gifts made in the last 4 years.

What about husbands and wives?

Your gift must be based upon tax you personally have paid. If both husband and wife pay tax, then both can give under the Gift Aid scheme. If tax is only paid by one, then the scheme is restricted to the tax-paying spouse.

I hate paperwork:

Apart from the once-off declaration, and making sure we know who the gift is from, there is nothing else for you to do! We record your gifts and reclaim the tax paid on them. We may also send you a statement which shows what you have given over the previous tax year which you may find that useful if you need to complete an HMRC Tax return.

What do I do now?

To give via Gift Aid, complete and return the declaration.

Date Signed: _____



GIFT AID DECLARATION

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Bilton Evangelical Church Registered Charity No. 1137617

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

I confirm that any payments made from a joint bank account are made wholly by myself. (delete if not applicable)

Title: _____ First name or initial(s): _____

Surname: _____

Full Home Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please notify Bilton Evangelical Church if you:

- Want to cancel this declaration
- Change your name or home address
- No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

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.

Administrative use - please do not write below this line.

Ref: _____

Please detach and keep for your records



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This leaflet explains how to make your offering worth up to 25% more to Bilton Evangelical Church by using the Gift Aid scheme, which is open to all UK income, or capital gains, tax-payers.

So what do I do?

There are two very simple steps which you need to take:

Complete the attached form, detach these notes after recording the date you signed and return the form to the Church Treasurer Bryan Gardner.

Then

Either place your gift in the offering bag during a Sunday service. To satisfy legal requirements we must be able to record who gave what, so either give in the form of a cheque, or place your offering in an envelope with your name. Sets of numbered envelopes are available from the Church Treasurer Bryan Gardner.

Or if you would prefer to give on a regular basis, then please set up a standing order from your bank or building society to Bilton Evangelical Church. Forms are available for this from the Church Treasurer Bryan Gardner.

If you have any questions not addressed in this leaflet, please contact Bryan Gardner (01788 811975) or e-mail finance@becchurch.org.uk for more information.