

## Voluntary Giving – Frequently Asked Questions

***St Barnabas Church relies upon the generosity Christians like you to meet the costs of running the parish here in Purley. We receive no grants, nor do we have any significant income from investments.***

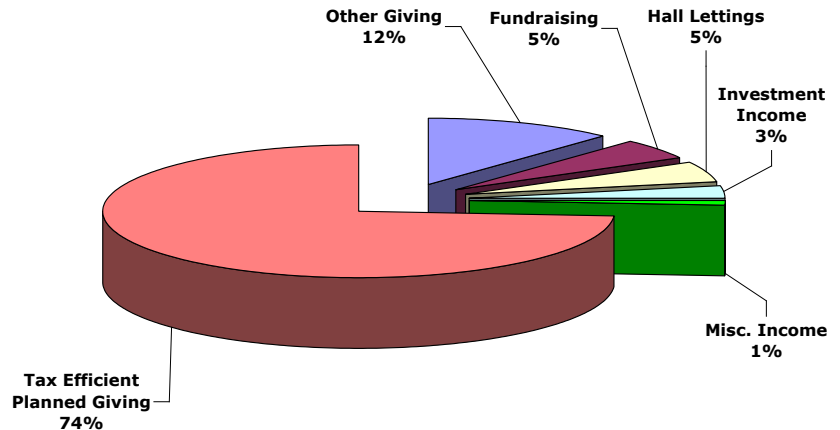
### What does it cost to run?

It costs about £5,000 each month to keep our church running, made up as follows:

- Direct costs relating to the work of the church (73%)
- Maintenance, heating etc. (23%)
- Management, Administration & Sundry costs (4%);

### Where does the money come from?

Over recent years, this money came from the sources shown in the chart opposite.

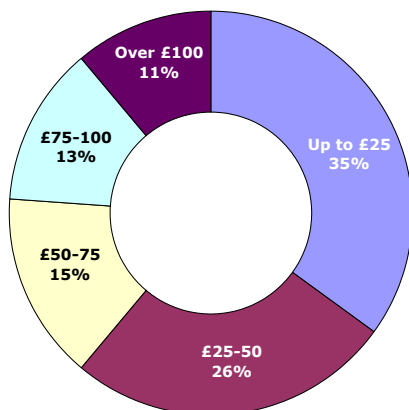


In 2005, Tax Efficient Planned Giving amounted to £37,000, including tax recovered through the Gift Aid scheme. *This is the most effective way for UK taxpayers to organise their giving as every £1 gifted to our church is supplemented by 28p from the Government. It requires no work by the donor, other than to complete a one-off Gift Aid declaration.*

### How much should I give?

It is difficult to be prescriptive about this. However, as a rule of thumb, Christians should aim to give 10% of their net income (i.e. after taxes) to good causes. We would like to think that half of this sum comes to your church, and that the remainder is distributed through other channels, such as charities.

Most of our regular worshippers participated in the Planned Giving scheme during 2005. The level of contribution per person varied, but the average was £51 per month.



The chart on the left shows the percentage of people whose monthly giving fell within five defined bands.

Apart from the Gift Aid scheme, people can also give regularly via the *Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)* and *Give as you Earn (GAYE)* schemes.

### How do I join the Planned Giving scheme?

In this pack you will find a Bankers Standing Order. Just complete this and return it to the Planned Giving Secretary in the envelope enclosed.

*If you want to discuss Planned Giving (including CAF & GAYE schemes), you can talk in confidence to one of the following:*

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