

HOW TO GET STARTED

You can start your giving in any of the following ways:

- 1. Regular Standing Order.** The most helpful way to support Grace Church is to set up a standing order with your bank. Once you have decided how much to donate to the church, you can set up the arrangement with your bank and then they will automatically process your gifts each month in accordance with your instructions. It therefore saves you time, means that you don't forget when life is too busy and it helps the church with its financial planning.
- 2. Cheque or charity voucher** (e.g. Stewardship or CAF voucher) payable to "Grace Church WP".
- 3. Direct bank payment.** You can use your online, mobile or telephone banking to make a payment to Grace Church – please use account details above.
- 4. Online gift.** You can make a secure online gift by Credit or Debit card by using the "Donate now" button at www.co-mission.org/cmct/giving and by selecting the Grace Church Worcester Park Appeal.

You can quickly set up a standing order using your online, mobile or telephone banking and by quoting this bank account information:

Recipient (or beneficiary) account name:

Grace Church WP

Sort code: 40-52-40 **Account no.** 00095547
(CAF Bank Limited)

IF YOU ARE A UK TAXPAYER...

Please ensure that you also complete a gift aid declaration (by using the webform at www.co-mission.org/cmct/gad) to enable the Church to increase the value of your gift by reclaiming the basic rate tax on your gifts from HM Revenue & Customs. **Thank you!**

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CO-MISSION:

GIVING TO GRACE CHURCH



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SUPPORTING GOSPEL MINISTRY

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

T HANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING supporting the work of Grace Church! Giving sacrificially to support gospel work at home and abroad is something every Christian should aim to do.

A wonderful Bible passage on the grace of giving is 2 Corinthians 8 & 9 and it is worth prayerfully studying these chapters when you are considering your giving. Some key principles are that we should give:

- **Sacrificially (8:1-2)** accepting the personal cost
- **Generously (8:3-7)** as much as we are able out of love for God and others
- **Gratefully (8:8-9)** for Christ became poor that we might be rich in Him
- **Realistically (8:10-12)** according to what we have
- **Equally (8:13-15)** giving of our plenty to help others
- **Carefully (8:16-24)** so that we are good stewards of God's money
- **Actually (9:1-5)** ensuring that we act on our intentions and keep our commitments

- **Freely (9:6-7)** without compulsion or reluctance but cheerfully
- **Confidently (9:8-11)** knowing that God will always supply our genuine needs
- **Humbly (9:12-17)** giving all praise and thanks to God for the grace of giving

The Grace Church leadership makes a point of not knowing how much people give so to prevent anyone being treated differently according to the amounts we contribute. So when you come to your own mind on how much to give, you can do so freely and cheerfully with great thanks to God rather than under pressure and perhaps feeling resentful.

How much we give will inevitably vary. In the Old Testament God required people to give 10% of their income. The New Testament does not impose any law upon us in this area, and it's the same at Grace Church. There is no set rule about how much we give. Many of us take 10% of our net income as a guide amount but some will give less and some will give more. The amount of our regular giving is a matter of conscience and according to the principles of giving outlined above.

THE FINANCIAL NEED

As Grace Church grows we will need our whole church family to partner with us financially to enable the church to cover the costs of our growing ministries in Worcester Park and beyond.

G RACE CHURCH WAS PLANTED from Dundonald Church in November 2009 and we thank God that he has established this congregation in Worcester Park. As well as wanting to finance our own ministries, we are committed to contributing a percentage of our income to supporting our gospel partners in mission in many countries of the world. We also desire to give generously to the Co-Mission fund for planting new churches, which is the very fund that enabled us to get started as a church.

All of our ministry is now entirely reliant on the giving of our church members. By God's grace, the church has grown and we need this numerical growth to be matched by growth in giving. As a church we want to be faithful to do all we can to proclaim Christ. However, if we are to maintain and grow our gospel ministries in Worcester Park and beyond, everyone needs to get involved.

We need all church members to reassess their current giving and consider increasing their support. In particular we need those who are new to our church, or who are not currently participating, to start giving.

We hope you will agree that giving financial support for our local church is an important and enjoyable way to express our gratitude to God. Many at our church can testify to the joy that comes from giving generously and seeing the fruit in people's lives.

We would like the whole church to:

- 1. Pray** – ask God for a generous heart and wisdom on how best to support His church with the money He has entrusted to you.
- 2. Think** – carefully review your own finances and consider how to put into practice the Biblical principles outlined above.
- 3. Act** – decide on an amount to give and make your gift. We encourage everybody to get involved at whatever level they can because generous and sacrificial giving is part of our worship of the Lord Jesus.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)