

## **Congregational Giving**

*This note carries advice or recommendations. The document is subject to change as our response to COVID-19 develops.*

During this period, we can't get to church, but our mission is unchanged, and the Church is dependent on its people supporting its work through regular financial contributions.

As congregations cannot receive donations at weekly services, it will be good to encourage as many people as possible to the alternatives:

### **Offline Giving:**

- Give by cheque.
- Give by standing order.

Cheques and standing order forms can be sent to treasurers by Royal Mail.

Deacons' Court or treasurers might agree it appropriate to send standing order forms and/or a selection of gift aid envelopes to regular attenders or givers, possibly with prepaid envelopes.

We do not recommend seeking cash donations.

### **Online Giving:**

- Give by electronic transfer or direct debit (directly to congregational bank account).
- Give by card donation through congregational website facility.

Electronic payments are relatively easy to set up if people are provided with the bank account details. Treasurers have been provided with information in a separate bulletin of 26 March 2020 on setting up online card donation facilities.

Gift Aid can be claimed as usual, aside from the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme which applies to cash giving only.