

Why should I give to the Lantern?

The Lantern is resourced through the generosity of its congregation. Because of this generosity we are able to live adventurous lives, seeking to be a 'family of God, sharing His heart to reach the lost, grow the found and transform our communities'. We believe that giving financially to the local church is an exciting part of a life lived radically for God and others.

Where does the money go?

We are committed to being good stewards of the money that is given. Our redeveloped building means that our maintenance and administration costs are able to be kept low (around 11%) so we can focus on staff, ministry, outreach and mission activities. As a local Anglican church, we pay a proportion to the diocese to finance our vicar and other churches. The rest goes towards ministry and mission (we give 10% away specifically to mission in the UK and abroad - see our mission board in the church building).

We operate a wide range of activities for all ages, interests and stages of life (see website); children, youth, families, singles and seniors - all designed to provide a place to belong, connect and be equipped but our primary aim is to reach out to others with the love of Jesus.

We are always seeking to assign our funds in line with our core vision and values and we do not have a policy of holding large surplus funds, trusting rather in the Lord's provision for the future (Phil 4:19).

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Our Giving

How much should I give?

The Bible says that *'everyone should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver'* (1 Cor 9:7). As such, the Lantern is not prescriptive as to how much people should give, encouraging everyone to prayerfully consider their own level of giving.

We believe our money comes from God (Deut 8:18), ultimately belongs to Him (Haggai 2:8) and that we are simply stewards of it for Him.

Should I tithe (give 10%)

Tithing is the Biblical principle of giving a share (10%) of our income to the Church (Malachi 3:6-12, Leviticus 27:30). It is our opportunity to express financial freedom, demonstrate our trust in, and obedience to, God and position ourselves in the promises of His Word. Over and above our tithe, God's Spirit may also prompt us to give additional offerings in response to His Word or in recognition of specific needs.

I don't want others to know what I give, how do you protect my anonymity?

We believe that your financial giving is a private matter between you and God. Although the treasurer needs to identify giving for Gift Aid and audit purposes, we work hard to ensure that your giving remains confidential (Matthew 6:3). The treasurer is the only person who has access to individuals' giving information.

How are the finances regulated?

The Lantern oversees its own independent finances as part of the parish of Canford. These finances are independently audited and are regulated by the Charity Commission (No. 1137810). We are fully transparent on this. If you'd like more information on the finances of the Lantern please contact **the treasurer**.

How Can I Give?

Regular Giving

Standing Order - this needs to be done through your bank by internet or telephone using the bank details overleaf. Alternatively you can take this form to your bank for them to set up the Standing Order for you.

The Envelope Scheme - on the welcome desk you'll find some of these yellow envelopes for use on a weekly or monthly basis through the collection at a service.

One Off Gifts

Legacies / Bequests - you can make a gift to the church through your Will so even beyond your earthly life you're making a difference for eternity!

Windfalls - you may choose to tithe maturing policies, employment bonuses, house moves etc.

Cash / Cheques - these can be put in the weekly collection or dropped into the church office.

Cheques should be made payable to **CMPPC (Lantern)**

Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer (either income or capital gains) and give using cash/cheque, standing order or the envelope scheme, we recommend that you use the Gift Aid Scheme. The benefit of your giving can be greatly enhanced through this scheme. Once you have completed a Gift Aid Declaration form (attached) your gifts will effectively be increased by 25%. This additional amount is given by the Inland Revenue directly to the church. There is no added cost to you above what you have agreed. All tax payers are included, regardless of rate of tax at which they are taxed.

Reviewing your Giving

It's always good to review your giving and at least on an annual basis. We don't go on about money at the Lantern but we feel it's an important part of our worship as individuals and as a church. For further info please chat to **the treasurer**.

STANDING ORDER

(Giving by regular donations from your bank)
Please complete this form and send to your bank
or use the details to set up online.

To: The Manager (name, branch, address of bank)

My Account

My Sort Code

Please pay: **Santander, Bootle, Merseyside
L30 4GB**

Sort Code 09-02-22

**For the credit of: The Parochial Church Council of
The Ecclesiastical Parish Of Canford Magna**

Account No 10775213

The sum of £ _____ **(in words)**

On the _____ **day of** _____ **201**_____

and on the same day each month until further notice.

Signature _____

GIFT AID DECLARATION

PCC of Canford Magna, Wimborne, Dorset

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made available from the date of declaration and in the past 4 years, I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. It is my understanding that the charity will reclaim 25p on every £1 given.

Full Name _____

Address & Postcode _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Resourcing the Vision

Our Giving

The **Lantern**

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