

How can I give?

There are multiple ways you can give:

Cash or cheques can be placed in the collection boxes or sent by post.

You can give online by visiting the Hub on our website at www.thornhillbc.org.uk and clicking the "Give to TBC" button.

By BACs or standing order using:

Account Name: Thornhill Baptist Church
Sort Code: 30-90-86
Account No: 00221453

Remember if you are a tax payer, please complete a Gift Aid declaration form so that we can claim Gift Aid on all your donations.

Other ways of giving

If you shop at Amazon they will donate a small percentage of all your purchases to TBC.

Simply bookmark smile.Amazon.co.uk in place of www.Amazon.co.uk on your browser and choose to support Thornhill Baptist Church, Southampton.

CHAT TO US...

About anything in this leaflet.

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GIVING

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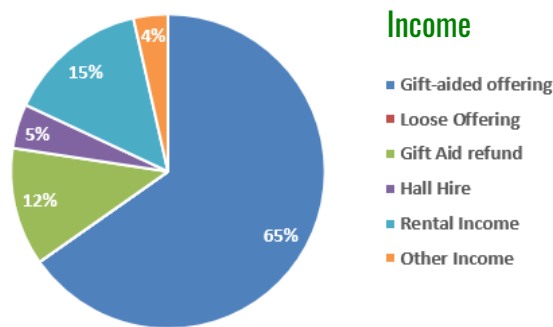
Each of us has God-given gifts that He intends us to use to serve him. Each of us has a role to play in the "body of Christ", which is what the Bible calls the church family.

Many of us are also able to contribute financially to the activity and mission of the church and this leaflet helps you to explore how.

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How is the church funded?

The church is a registered charity that is 100% self-funded, that is to say, it does not receive any grants or income from government or any central institution. The chart below shows the split of our primary sources of income, illustrating that almost two thirds is made up of the generous donations of members of the church family. Gift Aid on donations makes up approximately another 10%. Other income is raised by letting out two houses the church owns and making our building halls available for hire during the week to external organisations.



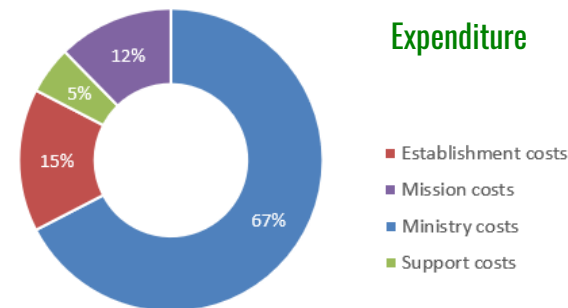
What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a scheme that enables the church to claim back from the government the basic rate tax you have already paid on donations that you give. So if you are a tax payer, Gift Aid increases every gift you give us by a quarter at no further cost to you! To do this we need to have a declaration from you to confirm that you are a taxpayer and have paid, or will pay, an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax that is at least equal

to the Gift Aid that we will reclaim on your donations in a tax year.

How are donations used?

It costs us over £500 per day to run this church. That's to cover all the costs associated with running our building, activities, staffing and giving to missionary causes. Donations go directly towards enabling all that the church does to further God's kingdom to happen.



How much should I give?

Every person's financial circumstances are different. Please be assured that all donations to TBC are treated highly confidentially.

What does the Bible say about giving?

The simple answer is "a lot!" But here are a couple of important principles.

The Bible says we should give cheerfully rather than our giving coming from a place of guilt or obligation. In this way, our giving becomes an act of worship rather than a

religious tax. Jesus doesn't burden us by demanding a certain level of giving but as a response to what He has given to us and as we both can afford and feel led to do.

Who do we support?

Our giving supports every aspect of church life. It enables us to pay staff, buy equipment, look after the building and keep all of our adult, youth, children's and community ministries running. We also believe in giving away some of our income. Recipients include our overseas mission partners, small Baptist churches who can't support themselves and local ministries who are serving the needs of our city. Currently we give to:

- Bethesda Children's Home—India
- PCF—Philippines
- Dignity—Sub Saharan Africa
- BU Home Missions Fund
- SCRATCH, Street Pastors, and Southampton City Mission locally

The Finance Team

Looking after church finances isn't a one person job! Our Treasurer heads up a team which includes an Assistant Treasurer, a Bookkeeper, a Payroll coordinator, a Utilities manager, a Rental Properties manager, a Gift Aid coordinator and an entire team of Offering Counters. If you would like to get involved please speak to the Treasurer in the first instance.