

# GIVING

HOW AND WHY TO GIVE MONEY TO  
THE WELL



# What will you give financially to God's work through The Well Sheffield?

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The Well is a strong community serving each other and our city. We are entirely self-funded by gifts from people like you, who call The Well your church family.

Vision and purpose are central to the life of God's followers: without vision we perish, without a purpose we lose our way (Prov 29:18; 2 Kings 21:1-9).

Giving financially, regularly and sacrificially to your church family allows us to sustain our life together as a community, support all our developed and emerging ministries, engage in mission in the city and beyond and give to the poor and vulnerable. What you give will increase what we can do and help us all achieve it. Money is the muscle of mission!

Giving is also a spiritual investment and your gifts are important, not only for The Well, but for your spiritual health too.



Jesus taught and challenged on the subject of money more than anything else. Throughout the Bible, it clearly outlines the spiritual principals of giving, and the blessings associated. Acts 20:35 "You should remember the words of Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Radical generosity is part of our identity. We believe that all we have has been given to us by God, so we live generous lifestyles with our resources in response to the overwhelming generosity of God.

We're as confident as the Apostle Paul who said "God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.... Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God." (2 Cor. 9:8,11)

God does not need our money, He is not lacking in resources but He chooses to invite us into partnership to release His kingdom on earth through our lives.

Matt 10:8 – Jesus: "...freely you have received, freely give."



## A FAMILY AFFAIR

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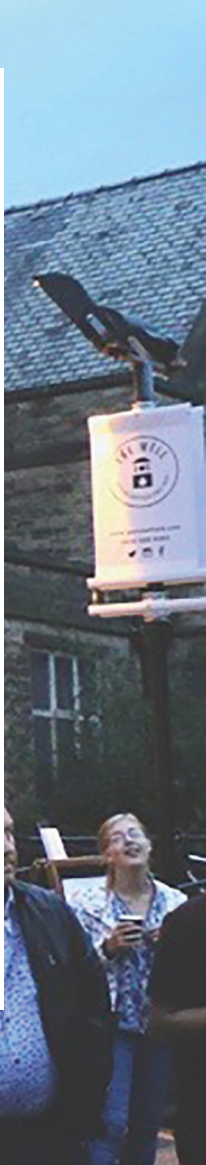
**If you consider yourself part of The Well family and enjoy the benefits, we encourage you to contribute financially.**

**If you've been 'friends' so far, then starting to give regularly is a great way of saying "I want to be family!"**

**We're not asking for your money! We're inviting you into an opportunity to be part of the journey and to partner with The Well in creating a community of faith and love which furthers the kingdom of God in our generation, our city and the nations.**

**We believe in what's happening through The Well.**

**Do you?**



## **Tithing – the biblical principle of giving 10% of our income**

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Many of The Well family tithe their income. Tithing is first established in Genesis by Abram and then Jacob as part of their response to the Spirit of God “of all you give me, I will give a tenth” Genesis 28:22. For them it wasn’t as a law, a religious rule or a tradition but out of love for God to give their ‘first fruits’.

Tithing is part of the Old Testament Law and in the New Testament Jesus endorses tithing and encourages radical generosity in Mathew 23:23. Today, tithing 10% is not a law, but rather an important spiritual principle. It is not a ceiling, in fact the scripture also encourages us to give “additional offerings.” But if we’re honest, we’re unlikely to be radically generous without a benchmark and the discipline of regular giving.

Throughout, the bible presents a pattern of the tithe being brought to God’s spiritual house in all its different forms (Malachi 3). This continues in the New Testament church from where it is faithfully directed to Christian ministry in all its different forms (from giving to the temple, the sharing of food, church planting, giving alms to the poor etc). Of course, we are all free to give to individuals and charities as we see fit (and tithing is never a prerequisite to being part of The Well family) but we would encourage you to give first to the church family you are committed to.

In the same heart, The Well endeavours to give away c.10% of its annual income to good causes beyond ourselves.

## ACCOUNTABILITY

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The Well is a charity governed by the UK Charities Commission, No: 1163291. We have charity Trustees with responsibility for the correct use of our funds according to our charitable purposes, and staff follow guidelines on types and levels of expenditure.

As a local Baptist church we submit our annual budget to our Church Family Meeting to see and approve, and we frequently update those meetings through the year on the state of our income/expenditure.

Church members are always free to ask for financial updates and information.



## NEXT STEPS

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2 Cor 9:6 - "Each must give as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion"

Pray

Talk it over

Then decide in your heart what to give and take action

Ask us if we can help you to think and pray this through. Your community and leaders say a big THANK YOU!

## COMMITMENT FORM

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Complete this form, give online at [wellsheffield.com/give](https://wellsheffield.com/give) or in weekly Sunday offerings

Begin a standing order through your bank (our preferred method)

Our bank account is:

Sort code: 40-41-57

Account: 80552453

Please use a reference to help us identify you.

HSBC Bank, Carmel House,  
49-63 Fargate, Sheffield, S1 2HD.

Weekly cash/cheque giving is also available in church every Sunday gathering.

Please return this Commitment Form to our office.

You can contact our Treasurer ([finance@wellsheffield.com](mailto:finance@wellsheffield.com)) with any questions. We keep people's specific giving details confidential from the leadership team.

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I intend to start giving to The Well

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monthly by standing order / online  
(wellsheffield.com/give)

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Regularly by cash/cheque in  
Sunday offerings

**Gift Aid declaration for past, present & future donations The Well Sheffield Baptist Church. Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made:**

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today

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in the past 4 years

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in the future (tick one or all)

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or The Well Sheffield Baptist Church 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. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

## Donor's details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ Full home address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to The Well storing and processing my personal information according to its privacy policy (wellsheffield.com/privacy) for the purpose of Gift Aid claims and maintaining statutory records (tick)

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Please keep in touch with me by email and/or post with information about the life of the church (tick)

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