Gift Aid Declaration

The Church of Scotland

Please complete this declaration in CAPITALS. Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed from the government by charities from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your congregation can reclaim Gift Aid on your offerings if you pay sufficient income tax and you provide a signed Gift Aid Declaration (below). In order to Gift Aid your donations, please complete the form and hand it to your treasurer.

I want to Gift Aid all monetary donations I have made in the past four years and those I make from today onwards to:

Name of congregation:

Congregation's charity number:

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. Tick here: ☐

My details:

First name:

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

Signature:

Date:

Please notify the Church Treasurer/Gift Aid Convener if you:

- wish to cancel this declaration
- change your name or address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

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He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

2 Corinthians 9:10

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A guide to making your offering go further

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What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a government scheme which allows the congregation, as a registered charity, to reclaim the tax you have already paid on the money you give in your offering.

How does the church benefit?

Giving your offering as a Gift Aid contribution increases the value of your offering by 25% so:

£20 becomes £25

£40 becomes £50

£100 becomes £125

£500 becomes £625

£1,000 becomes £1,250.

If a congregation receives annual offerings of £50,000 given as Gift Aid contributions, the tax refund will increase this to £62,500. Similarly, £100,000 will become £125,000 at no extra cost to the givers or to the congregation.

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Why is Gift Aid important?

As good stewards, we are called to make the best use of the resources we have been given. Tax recovered on Gift Aid offerings currently increases the annual income of Church of Scotland congregations by almost £12 million. This money helps your Church reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Who can give through Gift Aid?

Anyone who pays Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax can give to the Church and to their chosen charities through Gift Aid provided that they have paid the same amount or more in tax in that tax year. You don’t need to be working to pay income tax.

What is required?

To give your offering as a Gift Aid contribution, you are required to complete and sign a Gift Aid declaration form. You can use the one printed overleaf if you wish.

You are not required to give a particular amount or to give for a specified period of time.

You may cancel your Gift Aid declaration at any time by writing to your Congregational Treasurer or Gift Aid Convener. You must also advise them if you stop paying sufficient tax or change your name or address.



Privacy Notice

You are giving your personal data to the (name of congregation)

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as the Data Controller.

Your Personal Data

You are being asked to supply your name, address, postcode and signature.

Purpose

The purpose of processing the personal data we ask for is to complete a Gift Aid declaration.

The legal basis for this processing is the Legitimate Activities of the Church as a not-for-profit organisation. Your personal data will not be used for another purpose without your consent.

If you do not provide the personal data requested, we cannot complete the declaration.

Data Subjects

Individuals making a monetary offering or donation to this congregation.

Sharing Your Personal Data

Your personal data will only be shared with HMRC as an independent data controller.

This sharing is solely for the purpose of administering Gift Aid declarations.

Your Rights

You have rights under the Data Protection Act 2018.
For more information visit the website at
www.churchofscotland.org.uk/using-our-site/privacy-centre.