



**BRANSGORE  
COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**

# GIVING REVIEW DAY

*3rd April 2022*

## Introduction

*Giving financially is one of the core spiritual activities that is not only an indicator of our spiritual health, but also a means to spiritual growth, which is why we take it seriously at BCC. This is an area we need to review regularly.*

### The purpose of this leaflet is fourfold

1. To give us an overview of BCC's financial situation.
2. To help us understand, or remind us of, the importance of financial generosity in the Christian's life.
3. To act as a prompt to review our financial giving.
4. To let us know how we can all contribute financially to the ministry of BCC.

## BCC BUDGET 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023



### Income



**£26,000  
Shortfall**

### Expenditure



## Overview of BCC's finances

*Throughout the pandemic we were able to broadly keep to our budget. Our income fell more or less in line with the reduction in expenditure. Whilst our income fell because of the lack of weekly offerings through the collection box and room rental, our expenditure was reduced through the reduction of 18 Administrator hours per week, which has not been replaced, and a reduction on heating and property costs.*

*However, the financial challenge that is now affecting many of us is also beginning to affect the church. Over the last few months we've begun to see our costs start to escalate with our giving beginning to fall. Several of those who used to hire the building have not returned, the offering box giving is now minimal, and the giving by those who moved away during the pandemic has not been replaced. This means that our budget for the next period of time will be quite challenging, as can be seen from the graphic on the front page.*

## **Why a Giving Review Day?**

As a church we need to work together in ensuring God's ministry here continues to be fully financed by us, His people, but with all the calls on our time we very rarely pause to consider our financial giving. From our records we can see that of those who currently give regularly to the church 60% have not increased their giving in the last 4 years. It would appear that those who have increased their monthly contributions mostly did so at our previous Gift Day in 2019. For this reason on the Sunday 3rd April we're giving an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our giving to BCC. Some may be in a position to increase their contribution by increasing their Standing Order, whilst others may want to give a lump sum gift instead, or as well as. On that Sunday we'll collect all the pledges (or you can let us know in advance) so we can be encouraged together.

## **Giving Financially - General principles**

*Giving financially can be a very sensitive topic for many people as it's been misunderstood and abused in equal measures. Because of this we often shy away from teaching, or even talking, about it. However, Jesus did not hold back on this important subject because He understood the importance of our attitudes toward money and possessions. He knew that 'where our treasure is, there our heart will be also' (Matthew 6:21).*

*Giving is not a side issue of discipleship but a fundamental reflection of our faith, trust and the place of God in our lives. It is only by being liberated in our giving that we can experience true freedom from the hold our materialistic world has on us. Jesus encourages us to 'Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these (material) things will be given to you as well' (Matthew 6:33).*

*You may feel that your income is so small and that your commitments are so large that God can't possibly expect you to give to His church! It may feel impossible at the moment but God says to you the same as he said to the*

*Jewish nation, "Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." (Malachi 3:10)*

*As surprising as it might seem, experience proves that those who have the least are usually the ones who give the most! God understands your financial limitations but he invites you to prove His ability to meet all your needs.*

*Often people who begin to trust God in the area of giving find that to their amazement that He has made less money go further than ever before! If we wait until we are financially secure, then we are not really giving sacrificially.*

## **Helpful guidelines**

**Give First fruits** - Give God the first portions of your income. By doing that you constantly remember God's ownership of your life. (Proverbs 3:9)

**Give Proportionately** - Give in proportion to the income you receive, not a specific pound amount. If you earn £100, a tithe (10%) would be £10. If you earn £100,000, your proportionate gift would be £10,000. God sees the £10 gift as just as important and meaningful as the £10,000 gift. Proportionate giving challenges both the rich and the poor. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

**Give Sacrificially** - At times God asks you to give until you can truly feel the giving. Giving sacrificially usually includes one of the following: a rearrangement of priorities, a change in lifestyle, or a forfeiture of something valued. When you give sacrificially, you give your best. (2 Corinthians 8: 2-3)

**Give Regularly** - The Bible tells us to give "on the first day of every week " (1 Corinthians 16:2), so making giving a priority and not something we do with what is left over.

**Give Cheerfully** - Receiving is great, but the exhilaration is greater when you are able to give to another person. The Holy Spirit uses your giving to deepen your faith in Christ. (2 Corinthians. 9:7)

**Give Quietly** - Your purpose should be to please God, not to be seen by others. (Matt. 6:1)

**Tithe** - Tithing is the practice of honouring God with one tenth (10%) of your income. God is not concerned about the size of the gift, but the motive for it. (Gen. 28: 10-22) *Tithing is giving God a portion of your best, not your leftovers.*

# Ways of giving to BCC

*There are three ways in which you can give financially to BCC*

1. *By putting money into the collection boxes located in the two entrance foyers on a Sunday, or by placing it in an envelop and handing into the church office during the week.*
2. *By setting up a standing order or making a one-off gift to Bransgore Community Church by contacting your bank, or using a banking app on your phone or other digital device.  
(Sort code: 40-52-40, Account number : 00010585).*
3. *By filling in a Bank Mandate form that can be requested from the church office.*



## RESPONSE SLIP FOR THE BCC GIFT DAY 3RD APRIL 2022

### Making a one-off gift

I would like to make a one-off gift of: £.....



### Making regular monthly payments

I would like to make a new regular monthly contribution of: £.....

I would like to add to my existing monthly giving by increasing it by: £.....

Name: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

If we are able to claim Gift Aid on your gift please tick ☐

(We will contact you if we do not already have a signed form)

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*If you are thinking about giving to BCC and are a taxpayer please consider completing the Gift Aid form on the back page*