

THE 2024 CHALLENGE

In 2022-23 those attending HRBC continued to give at a level that enabled us to:

1. Fulfil the ministries to which we feel the church is called, and
2. Support our own missionaries and a number of other mission projects in Spain, Myanmar and North Africa, etc. as well as Baptist Missions and the Association.

The Development Fund was also supported so that all necessary refurbishment projects were able to be completed, allowing us to return to full operation. This has enabled the development of both people and programmes, including the launch of a new Live Wires ministry on Thursday evenings.

The challenge for 2024 is to grow and expand our Gospel ministry to those who attend HRBC and to the local community.

As the church has developed over the last few years, so have the demands on the pastors, staff and our committed volunteers. As we attract more and more people to our Gospel outreach programmes, inevitably, there are financial pressures.

During 2023, in addition to the costs of eight full and part time members of the team:

- Pastor McLaughlin has changed his role, and
- Chris McGuire has joined as an additional Associate Pastor.

Alongside our 'normal' and 'development' commitments we have a Fellowship Fund that is used to alleviate urgent and unexpected needs that occur in the lives of those connected with the Church. Opportunities for supporting the Fellowship Fund will be a part of normal church life during the year.

Financial resources have an significant bearing on what we can do as a church. We believe that giving is a matter of the heart – something between the individual and God. *Biblical guidelines are outlined overleaf for your prayerful consideration.*

WAYS TO GIVE

STANDING ORDERS & TRANSFERS

Fill out the form overleaf (with our bank details) and return to the Treasurer, or do it yourself online.



CHEQUES

Make payable to *Hamilton Road Baptist Church* and return to the Treasurer.

ONLINE/APP

Contribute via ChurchSuite, either online at <https://hamiltonroadbaptist.churchsuite.co.uk/donate> or in the ChurchSuite app (Menu > My Giving). Or scan the QR Code above with your phone's camera.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

Look out for the option to donate by card in church.

GIFT AID

For tax payers the most efficient way to give is though Gift Aid. Signing the simple form on the back of this document, will enable us to reclaim tax, which increases the value of your giving by 25%.

After returning the form, just ensure that whatever you give can be identified - either by placing it in an envelope with your name on it, or by setting up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society. This may be done using the other form overleaf.

When completed, return it to the Treasurer, who will do whatever else is necessary. All donations are kept confidential.

If, in your case, Gift Aid is not appropriate, you can still give by standing order if you wish, or by way of the normal Sunday morning offering. Donations can also be made through the church website (see above). This is particularly appropriate for one-off gifts.



THE TREASURER

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WHAT ABOUT

Giving

FOR THE GOSPEL IN 2024-25?



HAMILTON ROAD
BAPTIST CHURCH

Why should I be giving at all?

Giving is essentially not a financial discipline but a spiritual privilege on which the Bible gives a number of important, but simple, principles.

- **Giving should be REGULAR.** Paul told the Corinthians that they should give “on the first day of every week”.
- **Giving should be INDIVIDUAL.** Paul addresses his instruction to “each one of you” implying that it is each of our responsibilities to look at what we have and decide accordingly.
- **Giving should be PLANNED.** We are to put aside the money we will give to God. Paul says each one should give as he (she) has purposed in his heart, where “purposed” translates as “set aside beforehand”.
- **Giving should be PROPORTIONAL.** Paul told each Corinthian to give “as he may prosper”. The Old Testament talked in terms of tithing income – 10% to you and me. Should we give less?
- **Giving should be SACRIFICIAL.** The widow in Mark’s gospel was commended by Jesus, not for the amount, but for the cost to her.
- **Giving should be CHEERFUL.** Paul urges the Corinthians not to give grudgingly or under compulsion because God loves a cheerful giver.

There is no doubt that if God’s principles are embraced by God’s people God’s work will be affordable.

Our bank details →

BANKERS ORDER (STANDING ORDER)

NAME ON ACCOUNT

SORT CODE ACCOUNT NUMBER
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To the Manager
NAME OF BANK

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

Please debit the above account, paying to the account of **Hamilton Road Baptist Church at Danske Bank, Sort Code 95-02-52, Account Number 83861279, the sum of**

AMOUNT IN WORDS IN FIGURES

DATE OF FIRST PAYMENT
on

and continue to pay the same amount on the same date each until further notice.
*delete as appropriate

SIGNED DATE

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

(OPTIONAL) ALLOCATE FOR THE SUPPORT OF:

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SURNAME

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

I want the Corporation* to treat...

all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations. I am a UK tax-payer. DATE

all donations I have made since and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as Gift Aid donations. I am a UK taxpayer.

(Tick as appropriate)

SIGNED DATE

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