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2015

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“TREASURE” AND OUR HEARTS GIVEN WILLINGLY

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” **Matt 6.21**. God does not just want “donors” but “people so filled with a vision for eternity that they wouldn’t dream of not investing their money, time and prayers where they will matter most,” (Randy Alcorn)

“TREASURE” GIVEN GENEROUSLY AND CO-OPERATIVELY

Paul wrote that a corporate giving target should “be matched by your completing it out of what you have,” **2 Cor 8.10**. Giving fairly, where all, while not giving equal amounts, are “equally committed to giving all they can ... deepens fellowship wonderfully,” (J.I.Packer).

“TREASURE” GIVEN WISELY AND SYSTEMATICALLY

“On the first day of every week, each ... is to put something aside ... as he may prosper,” **1 Cor 16.2**. Regular giving by standing order is a modern systematic way, and the Bible speaks of giving 10% – a tithe; the poor widow gave more – 100%!

“TREASURE” GIVEN GRATEFULLY AND JOYFULLY

“God loves a cheerful giver ... Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!” **2 Cor 9.7–15**. Grateful giving is in response to God’s grace in Jesus Christ. Joyful giving comes from being able to make a difference on Tyneside and further afield through the Gospel work of JPC.

GIVING AT JESMOND PARISH CHURCH

We suggest giving to The Jesmond Trust (a registered charity), which funds most of the staff and much of our ministry; it also enables our mission giving; (the smaller PCC account is for ordinary parish church costs).

If you have any queries or would prefer to give to Jesmond PCC, contact the Finance Administrator, Jill Steer (jill.steer@church.org.uk).

THERE ARE THREE WAYS OF GIVING:

1. PLANNED GIVING THROUGH THE GIVING SCHEME

No need to be frightened by this. First work out the amount you wish to give – 10% of income is the scriptural minimum – and decide how the money is to be distributed e.g. half for the work of Jesmond, and half for mission, equally split between two Jesmond mission causes you name. Then fill in “The Response” form, which is confidential.

If you are paying income tax: If you wish to make regular payments from your bank to ours, fill in the Standing Order Form. You can also give by cheque. If you are a taxpayer see the relevant section regarding Gift Aid. Please fill in the Gift Aid Declaration if you have not done so before or if your name /address have changed. This enables us to reclaim income tax on your giving at no further cost to you. Tax reclaimed in this way is distributed in the same proportions as the rest of your giving.

If you are not paying income tax, planning your giving through the Giving Scheme is nevertheless a good discipline. It enables you to fulfil your obligations to the Lord’s work. You can fill in the Standing Order form or give by cheque. Alternatively, on receipt of your response, the Finance Administrator can supply you with a series of envelopes for your gifts.

Knowing the number of people truly committed to the fellowship helps us to see God's will for the future.

By planning our giving we are demonstrating that we mean business as Christians, and we mean the Lord's business to go forward.

2. UNPLANNED GIVING IN THE BOX

Unplanned giving using the box at the door is intended for casual visitors only (envelopes are available for enabling gift aid). Anyone who considers Jesmond Parish Church to be 'their church' should not be using this method.

3. LEGACIES

Don't forget God's work when you make your will. Information on wills can be obtained from the church office.

THE GIFT AID DECLARATION

The essential feature of your Declaration is a request to the Jesmond Trust to claim back basic rate tax on your giving.

Please note:

- If, in the future, your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax that the charity reclaims you must cancel your declaration by informing us.
- The Inland Revenue require your name and address, so it is vital that you give us your full name, and keep us up to date with your correct address to avoid any confusion in the future.
- We will send you an annual summary of your giving and the tax reclaimed, supplying the information you need to complete your tax form. (If you do not require a summary please tick the box on "The Response" form.)



A SUGGESTION FOR GIVING

THE WORK AT JESMOND PARISH CHURCH **5%**

In 2015 we need at Jesmond £1,230,000 to do the work God is calling us to do. That sum needs our prayers and realistic giving. **We have no subsidies. The giving of each one of us is vital.**

WORLD MISSION **5%**

Latin Link; Mburi Kenya; OMF; Wycliffe; AID; Nokuphila School, Tembisa Township, South Africa; Navajeevana Health Care Centre; TearFund and other missions at home and abroad are supported through the Jesmond World Mission account. You may already give privately to missionary work. You can, however, give to world mission by means of the Jesmond Giving Scheme.

PLAN YOUR RESPONSE

We invite you to fill this in for your own record.

My income for the year is expected to be: £

10% or % of this is therefore: £

I propose to allocate my giving in the following ways:

£ for the work of Jesmond Parish Church and £

for mission work as follows:

INFORMATION FOR TAXPAYERS

Under the Gift Aid scheme, if you pay tax in the UK, we can reclaim tax on your giving; 25p for every £1 you give in this way. You do not have to commit yourself to any set amount or to give for a fixed period, but:

- You must sign a Gift Aid Declaration, which will cover any donations you make to The Jesmond Trust and
- You must be a UK taxpayer and
- You must give money in a way that can be traced for audit purposes and
- You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year.

There are three valid ways of making donations that can be traced for audit purposes:

- You can complete a Standing Order form (attached) so that regular (monthly, quarterly, half yearly or annual) payments are made from your bank to ours, or
- You can use the Envelope Giving scheme (ask office for details) or
- You can make all your donations by cheque.

HIGHER RATE TAX PAYERS

You continue to get additional relief on the difference between the basic rate (20%) and the higher (40%) rate. This is claimed through your tax return. In addition, it is possible to claim higher rate tax relief against Capital Gains Tax liability as well as Income Tax.

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING FORMS TO
THE OFFICE IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED



THE RESPONSE

Name(s):

Address:

Phone: DAY EVENING

Email:

In the year 2015 I/we plan to give to The Jesmond Trust (a registered charity)
the sum of £

I/We would like to allocate this in the following ways:

£ for the work at Jesmond and

£ for mission work as follows

(unallocated mission giving will be distributed by the Mission Allocation Committee as appropriate).

I/We would like to speak with Tom Young (Giving Scheme Advisor) about:

Giving to the work of Jesmond Parish Church

Giving to world mission

PLEASE TICK IF YES

I/We have completed the Standing Order form

I/We will be paying by cheque

I/We would like monthly giving envelopes

PLEASE TICK IF YES

I/We have already given a Gift Aid declaration to The Jesmond Trust or

I/We have completed a Gift Aid Declaration below or

Gift Aid is not appropriate for me/us

PLEASE TICK IF YES

I/We do not require an annual summary of giving to The Jesmond Trust

PLEASE TICK IF SUMMARY NOT REQUIRED

GIFT AID DECLARATION

Name of registered charity: The Jesmond Trust

Completing this form allows The Jesmond Trust to reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give or have given since 6 April 2010. (Only complete this form if Gift Aid applies to you – see notes below). If you have already completed a Gift Aid Declaration to The Jesmond Trust, you do not need to do it again. The Jesmond Trust is a registered charity.

Please complete as indicated:

1. Your full name:

2. Your full address:

Postcode:

3. I want The Jesmond Trust to treat: (please tick as appropriate)

this donation

all donations I make until further notice

all donations I have made for the four years prior to this year as Gift Aid donations.

4. Declaration: I am a United Kingdom tax payer. I want The Jesmond Trust to reclaim tax on my donations.

5. Signature:

6. Date:

Notes:

- i. For each tax year (6 April to 5 April) you must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount of tax that all charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs that you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year. Other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.
- ii. Please notify The Jesmond Trust if you change your name or address while the Declaration is still in force.
- iii. You can cancel the Declaration at any time by notifying The Jesmond Trust and should do so if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. It will not then apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.

STANDING ORDER

Please return this to us with your response and we will forward it to your bank.

To the manager of: [redacted] (name of your bank)

Bank Address: [redacted]

[redacted] Postcode: [redacted]

* Please cancel my present standing order to pay £ [redacted]
for the credit of The Jesmond Trust (a registered charity).

Please pay on the [redacted] day of the month of [redacted]

in the year 20 [redacted] the sum of [redacted]

[redacted] (in words)

£ [redacted] to Lloyds TSB, Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne (30-93-71)
for the credit of the Jesmond Trust (Account No. 00258445) and thereafter make
like payments:

*monthly/quarterly/half yearly/annually, until:

*this order is cancelled/date of final payment: [redacted]

My account number is: [redacted]

Name(s) (in capitals): [redacted]

Signature: [redacted] Date: [redacted]

Address: [redacted]

[redacted] Postcode: [redacted]

*please delete as appropriate

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