

Church Giving Policy

July 2019



"To win people for Christ and to build them up in Christ."
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Individual Christians have recognised that the Old Testament teaching on giving is an important principle and so have endeavoured to give away at least a tenth (a tithe) of their income. Jesus criticised the Pharisees for their legalistic way of tithing, not for the principle.

St James PCC has a policy of giving away one tenth of income to other organisations.

We aim to apportion the giving twice a year based on income for the last complete half year.

We make fixed donations to the following organisations:

- **St Michael's School** - this is a Church of England Academy for which we appoint a governor. We and other parishes each donate a fixed amount each year in respect of "capital projects".
- **Compassion UK** - both the Church and the School separately pay a monthly amount to sponsor a child in a deprived part of the world.
- **North West Partnership** - the PCC makes an annual donation. The NW Partnership helps train and equip Christians in our area.
- **Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship** - church membership. David Phillips is the Chairman of the DEF.
- **Christian Motorcyclists Association** - church membership.
- **BCMS Crosslinks** - partner church donation.

The remainder of our giving is split between the following:

- **Tom and Jasmine** – serving in East Asia with OMF.
- **Alex and Kate** – studying in East Asia in preparation for serving elsewhere with Crosslinks.
- **Help the Homeless Chorley**
- **The Bible Society** - translation and distribution of Bibles worldwide
- **Barnabas Fund** - supporting the persecuted church worldwide
- **Christians Against Poverty**

The organisations supported reflect a split between home and overseas, compassion and sharing the faith.

Other support

- All items given at our annual Harvest service are taken to Help the Homeless Chorley.
- Food items donated during the rest of the year are taken to **Storehouse** at Living Waters.
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- Christmas shoe boxes prepared by the congregation and school families are donated to **Operation Christmas Child**.

St James Chorley, Parochial Church Council
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