

Church Gift Day Sunday 19th October (plus 26th October)

We aim to raise £30,000 to cover the gap between regular income and costs. If you're a church member, please think and pray about what you could give.

Why is the church spending more than it gets from regular income?

We've taken steps of faith in the last two years that cost money but will help grow the church and allow more people to Meet God, Live Well and Make a Difference. Employing AI was a major part of this, as well as increasing our support for Lesotho and Albania.

Isn't there some central funding to top things up?

Sadly no. The church is completely self-financed. All our income comes from church members' giving plus a small amount from building hire.

Will we always have these kinds of Gift Days?

We pray that regular giving will increase to cover our regular costs over the next year or two. Then, if Gift Days continue, they could then be for special projects.

Should I reduce my regular giving to the church in October so I can give?

That wouldn't really help us as it all goes into the same pot. We'd always encourage you to focus on your regular giving but it would be fantastic if you felt able to give even a small amount on top of your regular giving.

Diary Dates

Sun 19 th Oct	Church Gift Day with a further opportunity to give on Sun 26 th
Fri 24 th Oct	Men's Curry Night 8pm at Chaula's, Eastgate Street, Lewes speak to AI if you'd like to book a place
Sun 2 nd Nov	7-30pm Monthly Prayer Evening
Sat 22 nd Nov	Exploring Membership Day 9-30am to 4-30pm at King's Church book a place through the Church Office
Sat 22 nd Nov	Quiz Night 7-30pm at King's Church tickets on sale from Sunday 26 th October

Sunday 12th October

CONNECT WITH THE MESSAGE

Give to What You Value

Exodus 25:1-9

1) What is your biggest financial challenge at the moment?

Read Exodus 25:1-9

2) What part of Rich's message provoked the strongest reaction in you? Why?

Read Matthew 6:19-24

3) What does Jesus say are the problems with having material wealth?

4) What incentive does the passage give about giving financially to God?

5) How does what we do with our money tell us about what we value (or treasure)?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

6) How does verse 7 help you decide how much to give to God?

7) What are the specific things that stop you giving generously and joyfully to God?

8) How does this passage help you to overcome them?

9) How does this passage equate our financial giving to God with our thanksgiving and worship to God?

10) What do you personally need to do in response to these passages on giving?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Malachi 3:1-12

- a)** What problem(s) is this passage addressing?
- b)** Why are the original hearers charged with 'robbing God'?
- c)** What specific Old Testament verses instruct the Israelites about tithing?
- d)** Why does God explicitly equate the Israelites faithfulness in bringing tithes and offerings with the nation's prospering?
- e)** In what way does this passage show the truth between obedience and material blessing found frequently in the Old Testament?
- f)** Why is the link between obedience and material blessing no longer valid under the New Covenant?
- g)** How does Jesus' death and resurrection change how we understand and relate to the Old Testament law?
- h)** How does the New Testament handle the question of tithes and offerings?
- i)** What does this passage say to us: Christians living under the New Covenant?
- j)** How do you personally need to respond to this passage?

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Church Gift Day

- Thank God for all of his goodness to us as a church over the years and all he has given us.
- Pray for God to provide for his work in our church through this Gift Day.
- Pray we would be a church which is growing through more and more seeing people begin God-centred lives through faith in Jesus.
- Pray we would be increasingly effective at helping people: Meet God, Live Well and Make a Difference.

World Events

- Try flicking through a newspaper or the BBC News website/app, praying for the some situations you read about, on your own or at Small Group.
- Pray for a halt to the spread of the Ebola virus, for those suffering and their carers especially in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.
- Pray for everywhere in need of peace and those working towards it, especially in Syria, Iraq, Hong Kong and Yemen.