

# HOLYHEAD ROAD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## CHURCH OFFERTORIES

The generous giving by members of our church fellowship enables us to continue with our work of worship, witness and service.



Obviously, for reasons beyond everyone's control, the church's income has been severely hit over the last six months. Those making their offertory by standing order have continued to pay throughout this period, and one or two people have made payments by cheque. **We are extremely grateful for these gifts.** Although we have received some financial assistance from the Synod, we have also suffered a significant loss of room hire income.

For those who haven't been able to make any donations during the period that the church building has been closed, we hope that you will consider whether you can "catch up" when we re-open for worship.

**There are ways that you can help the church to make the most of those donations.**

When someone completes a Gift Aid declaration we are able to claim back 25% of that amount from HMRC; we are also able to claim even if you haven't completed a Gift Aid form, provided that the donation is in **cash** and for **no more than £30 each time**. In total, we are able to claim over £4,500 each year from HMRC.

We understand that you might want to pay the arrears of offertories by cheque, but **please consider whether it would be possible to do this in cash instead.** Please also make it clear that what you are paying is a series of separate donations; even if you did not want to fill each individual offertory envelope, you could do this by:

- Including all of the empty envelopes for the period since March, or
- Writing something on an envelope containing your donation stating that it is for x *(insert the number)* weeks.

Of course, you might not want to carry large amounts of money to church, and that is very understandable. If it would help, it may be possible to arrange for someone to collect the donation from your home, or you could consider making the payment over a number of weeks rather than "all in one go".

If you would like to clarify anything, please get in touch with Steve Powell.

**Thank you for your continuing financial support of the church.**