

HOLYHEAD ROAD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

CHURCH OFFERTORIES UPDATE



The generous giving by members of our church fellowship enables us to undertake our work of worship, witness and service. Without this the church would not survive.

Obviously, for reasons beyond everyone's control, the church's income has been severely hit by the pandemic. Those making their offertory by standing order have continued to pay throughout this period, with one or two new people joining them, and some have made payments by cheque. People also gave generously when we re-opened for worship in September and October. **We are extremely grateful for these gifts.** Although we have received some financial assistance from the Synod, this will not continue indefinitely, and we have also suffered a massive loss of room hire income.

For those who haven't been able to make donations in recent weeks, we hope that you will consider whether you can "catch up". To do this, please contact your Elder to make arrangements. If you would prefer not to let large amounts of cash build up in future, please consider making a payment on a regular basis (say at the end of each month).

There are also ways that you can help the church to make the most of those donations. Even if you don't pay tax and haven't completed a Gift Aid declaration, we are still able to claim back from HMRC 25% of any small donation – that is, those that are **in cash** and for **no more than £30 each time**.

We understand that you might want to pay the arrears of offertories by cheque, but **please consider whether it would be possible to make payments in cash instead.**

We are allowed to count giving as **several small donations**, provided that you:

- **Pay in cash**, and
- **Either:** include all of the empty envelopes for the period of your donation
- **Or:** write on an envelope containing your donation how many weeks this is for.

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

Thank you for your continuing financial support of the church.