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What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid is a simple way to increase the value of your gift to St Mary's church - at no extra cost to you. If you pay tax in the UK, the church can reclaim the basic rate tax (25%) on your gift. So, if you donate £100, it is worth £125 to St Mary's church. In 2018 Gift Aid recovered from HMRC was worth £11,500 to St Mary's, not an insignificant amount in the overall finances.

Do I qualify for Gift Aid?

In order for the church to reclaim the tax you have paid on your donations, you must have paid income or capital gains tax (in the UK) for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) at least equal to the tax that all the 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.

How do I sign up to Gift Aid?

The process is nice and simple - all you need to do is make a Gift Aid declaration on the enclosed form and return it to the Giving Initiative Secretary.

What does the Gift Aid declaration commit me to?

Nothing! It just ensures that if you choose to donate to St Mary's church, we can claim an extra 25% back from the government.

How long does the declaration last for?

To simplify matters for both you and St Mary's church, the declaration wording normally covers present, future and past donations. We can back-claim four years and we will continue to claim until you tell us otherwise, so long as you are eligible.

What do I do if my tax status changes or I want to cancel my declaration?

To let us know if you stop paying tax or wish to cancel your declaration.

Any further information may be obtained from the Giving Initiative Secretary, Aileen Higgs in strictest confidence.

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