

So why does CSK seek Your Regular Giving?

In the 2021 annual talk on financial giving Heather appealed to us
not to give God **our last Rolo**,
but rather to give God **our first Rolo**
because we love Him.

She said, 'We want to be part of the good work that God is doing here
(having) a heart for the local community and sharing the gospel both in
Hampton and further afield.
'But (we) can't do all these things on fresh air'.

Sadly the Church of England does not have a warehouse full of Rolos.
So CSK needs a fair share of your Rolos to pay its way in life.

Let me give you a peek at what I see as your treasurer:

Our **budgeted expenditure for this year is £175,000** – that's about £14 and
a half thousand a month.

Here is where it goes:

Monthly Costs (approximate)

£ 1,000 +	electricity, water and waste disposal
£ 1,500	building and equipment costs
£ 4,600	employment costs (Children & Families Leader, Youth Worker, Administrator, Cleaner)
£ 1,500	delivering ministry to congregation and community
£ 3,800	towards the cost of our Vicar and Pioneer Associate.
£ 700	a 'tithe' of our general income to God's work elsewhere.
<hr/>	
£14,600	

It's an article of faith that we have a God who meets our needs.

Alongside our spending here's a peek at our income.

Monthly Income (approximate)

£ 6,200	regular donations
£ 950	loose cash offerings etc (2019) - way down in pandemic
£ 1,700	Gift Aid reclaimed
£ 2,700	one-off donations, fees, bank interest etc (2019)
£ 2,400	hiring rooms in the church building (2019) – way down in pandemic
<hr/>	
£14,000	

I imagine you noticed

our monthly income is less than our expenditure.

At the moment we still have reserves to cover the shortfall.

CSK is seeking your regular giving NOT to maintain or grow our reserves
but to enable us to go forward in mission and ministry,
changing the world starting one heart at a time,
starting locally,
starting now.

Connecting with Jesus Making Him known.

Let me run through some thinking

Giving Regularly

Maybe you have not normally given in the past - please start, now that we
have explained why it is so important.

If you give occasionally, or even regularly, by placing money in an offering,
box at the church please start giving through your bank instead.

The CSK website give details of how to do this.

Giving (Tax) Efficiently

If you have sufficient income to pay income tax then please sign and return a
Gift Aid Declaration (just once) which will enable us to claim an extra 25% of

the value of your gift from the government without further cost to you - and no more paperwork for you.

Giving Realistically and Proportionally

When did you last consider increasing your regular donation relative to your income?

Please review your giving each year – after all I remember when I started to drive petrol was just 5p a litre and when we changed to decimal coinage a Mars bar was only 4p

Here is a key to giving God his worth-ship

Think of Jesus as a friend.

How much would it cost you to take Him out for a cup of coffee, with a snack?

Are you giving that much each week or even each month?

Or how much would it cost to take Jesus to the pub for a drink?

Or for a meal?

You get the idea – do the thinking,
do the sums
and make a start!

As Heather said the biblical tithe is 10%.

The Church of England suggests 5% to the church where you worship and the rest to other Christian causes close to your heart.

It might be that your income has decreased and you might need to decrease your regular giving in line with these different circumstances .

God knows.

God understands.

Don't worry.

Give this your Priority

Give what's right – not what is left over.

Your giving to God is as important as your mortgage or rent, Council Tax, utility bills, food bill, clothing, holiday costs or childcare.
Way more important than upgrading your car.

Here is a **Summary**

The right way is regularly

The right way is direct from your bank to the church's bank

The right way is in proportion to your income

The right way is tax efficiently (with a Gift Aid Declaration)

The right way is generously

The right way is happily

The right way will bring you peace

Please ACT NOW – before you get distracted!

If you had been hearing Heather in church when she spoke she would have given everyone a Rolo to illustrate her talk.

If you respond to this talk before the end of May 2021 the Treasurer (personally) will acknowledge your new or increased regular giving with a whole tube of Rolos - provided CSK knows your address.

Now there's an offer!