

Your Sunday Offering

There are a variety of ways that you can make your Sunday Offering to provide for and support your parish.

In order of preference:

1. **Standing Order.** This is the 'Gold Standard' for donation. Contact Shirley in the parish office on 01442 391 759 and she will help you set up a Standing Order with your bank. Standing Orders help your parish in many ways, especially with setting our annual budget and reducing security and administrative costs associated with cash handling.
2. **Contactless or Online giving.** When you come into the church you will see the contactless giving machine. It is very simple to use. Just a few taps on the screen and your gift goes straight into the parish bank account. Please do sign up for Gift Aid if you are a tax payer. Gift Aid enables us to boost your offering by 25% i.e. 25p for every pound you give, as we can claim back the tax you have already paid as part of your income. Alternatively, you can donate on the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hemelhempsteadwest/donate/>
3. **Loose cash.** This is the least preferred option as it involves so much administration, counting and security risk. You will see the basket just inside the church door. As you may well have your bank card with you, please consider contactless giving instead.
4. **Gift Aid.** Whilst not a direct form of giving, please do sign up for Gift Aid if you are a tax payer. Gift Aid enables us to boost your offering by 25% i.e. 25p for every pound you give, as we can claim back the tax you have already paid as part of your income. It costs you nothing additional, but boosts our parish income considerably. Contact Shirley in the parish office on 01442 391 759 and she will help you set up Gift Aid.

You may like to review your Sunday Offering and consider giving 10% of your net income (Gift Aided where possible) to the parish on a weekly basis. As a parish we have many expenses distributed across the maintenance of two churches, halls, presbytery and adjoining retired clergy maisonettes, grounds maintenance and parish priest's stipend as well as making provision for the future. However, you donate, thank you very much, it is greatly appreciated and overseen by the Parish Finance Committee. Bless you. Fr Brian.