

# **Kensington Unitarians: Raising Funds for the Work of Our Community**

## **Reasons we want to raise money in 2018:**

- Increased staff hours, fair wages and pensions, supporting our great staff team in getting more done.
- Most of our income comes through letting our building – but we want to ensure that community minded groups that can't afford our charges can continue to use our meeting space for free or for reduced fees.
- Keep our busy building in tip top condition – this year we plan an extensive check of our wiring and fuse boxes and work to secure our back garden wall.

## **How much does it cost to run our building and church community?**

- Our annual budget is at least £150,000. That's £3,000 running costs each week.

## **How can I donate?**

- A monthly, or annual, standing order is the simplest way to support the church.
- A one off donation by cheque or bank transfer is always most welcome. Let us know if you want that contribution to go towards a particular project or purchase.
- We are grateful to all who give to collections made in our Sunday service.
- We appreciate everyone who has made provision for Essex Church in their will.

## **How much shall I give?**

- We encourage people only to give as much as they feel they can afford. For example, current standing orders vary from £10 to £50 a month.
- And we don't expect a contribution every Sunday you're at church. Just give what you can when you can. We cannot put a price on the value of volunteering – there are many ways to support our community.

In 2018 we are separating this request for financial support from our annual membership drive. You do not have to pay to be a member of our community, but every penny you give us will help to continue our work in the world. Please let us know when you take out a standing order or make a one-off donation, so we can thank you properly, and keep up-to-date records.

**Cheques can be made payable to Essex Church and our bank details for online transfers and standing orders are: CafBank, account number – 00004217 / sort code – 40-52-40.**

Gift Aid is still a valuable way for you to give more to our community. Simply fill in and return the slip overleaf to the church office to ensure that all your donations are gift aided from now on. We need you to fill this form in even if you have previously filled in such a form.

Thank you for your commitment and generosity to Essex Church and to our Kensington Unitarians community. It is much appreciated.

**Juliet Edwards, Treasurer**

# Charity Gift Aid Declaration: Essex Church – Charity Number 230789

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate! Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

**I want to Gift Aid any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Essex Church (Charity Number 230789).**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

## My Details:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name / Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify Essex Church if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

**Please return to: Kensington Unitarians, Essex Church, 112 Palace Gardens Terrace, London W8 4RT**