

Dear St James Family

Re: Gift Day – October 18th, 2020

As we have a Gift Day every year we would like to propose this happens on Sunday October 18th this year, we did mention this earlier in the year and thank you to all who gave at this time in advance. Obviously with the Covid situation it seemed best to put this date later in the year.

We also acknowledge that for some of you this time has been difficult financially, please be assured of our support and prayers. If you have need please remember we have a hardship fund to help with one off issues, do not hesitate to have a chat with myself, we will help if we are able, this fund is there to assist with urgent cases.

The good news is that during this time we have continued to pay our staff, who I think you will agree have been exceptional during this time. We have been able to help several people through the hardship fund and we have continued to pay our Parish Share.

This said, we have been affected by the loss of some rent from the nursery, as they were not open for several months (please keep praying for their business and supporting them). We have also had a loss of income from our Sunday giving. We are grateful that many of you have continued to be exceptionally generous which has helped a great deal to keep things going. We will be getting Jim's (the advice centre café) started again as soon as possible (we hope to be open 7th October, depending on Covid rules) and this will be a great help to the community as we liaise with Citizens Advice and other agencies and impact lives for the good. We have applied for grants and will keep seeking grants. However, to continue as we are with the building now opening; the extra costs to make sure we are Covid safe; employing staff and paying our Parish Share, the Gift Day money will be much needed.

God honours those who are good Stewards and I want to assure you that we have an excellent finance team and have made sure that we are spending in a way that glorifies God and builds the Kingdom work. In the last year we have impacted the community greatly and we seek to continue to do this as we re-open. The money you give changes lives, please do not hesitate to ask questions about how money is spent.

If you can give, please send a transfer to the following bank details, including the description 'gift day' with the transfer:

Account code: 00027936

Sort code: 20-95-61

If you would rather give cash or a cheque you can give us your gift on a Sunday morning in the box at the back of Church. If you would like your gift to be gift aided please put it in a sealed envelope and include a note with your full name on inside the envelope.

If you would rather post a cheque please make it out to St James's Church New Barnet and either drop it round at the Vicarage or post it to:

80 Eton Avenue,

East Barnet,

Herts.

EN4 8TY.

Please pray about whether you are able to give an extra gift at this time, if you are not, then please know that you are a blessing by being a member of our family and we value you, we are here to help, support and pray for you.

Many blessings in Jesus name

Rev Laura