



Regular Giving Scheme

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

2 Corinthians 9:7

What is the Regular Giving Scheme (RGS)?

Trinity at Four is funded almost entirely through the giving of the church family. We therefore ask everyone who considers themselves a part of our church family to sign up to our Regular Giving Scheme (RGS). Towards the end of each year, members of the RGS will be asked to let the Finance Team know how much they pledge to give regularly over the coming year. Pledges are confidential and non-binding – they can be altered at any time. Some will be able to give a lot, and others a little. We hope everyone will be able to give something: God knows our financial situation, and desires generous hearts, rather than specific sums. The RGS puts a structure in place to enable you to review your existing giving each year, and to provide the Finance Team with the information needed for responsible budgeting.

Why join the RGS?

- 1. Giving is part of Christian discipleship.** Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35), and Paul urged the Corinthian church to ‘excel in this grace of giving’ (2 Cor. 8:7). Giving is a grace, that benefits the giver as much as it does the receiver. Ultimately, it’s a reflection of Jesus’ own grace to us: “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.” (2 Cor. 8:9).
- 2. The RGS helps you to be organized and accountable with giving.** Paul enjoined believers intentionally to set aside a sum proportionate to their income (1 Cor. 16:2). The RGS seeks to apply this principle in our context.
- 3. The RGS helps unite us in Gospel partnership.** The Bible encourages a local church family to meet the financial needs of those set aside to teach and lead us as a church family (1 Cor. 9:6-14) and to give “according to what one has, not according to what one does not have” (2 Cor. 8:12). All of us can give something regularly, and in doing so join together in partnership with the rest of the church family. Giving is something that unites us because it’s something we’re all in together.
- 4. The RGS helps us to keep offering the gospel free of charge.** As a church, everything we do is free, because the Gospel we proclaim is free. A commitment of church family to financial support enables this.

How do I give via the RGS?

1. Please complete and return the pledge form to the RGS box at church or electronically to matthew.clough1@btinternet.com.
2. Our **preferred method** of payment is direct payment of gifts to Trinity at Four via monthly Standing Order or ad-hoc online banking payments. Our bank account details are:

Account Name: Henley Gospel Trust

Sort Code: 60-10-35

Account Number: 13280384

Reference: "Surname Giving"

We are generally unable to collect cash offerings, except during specific annual appeals (e.g., harvest, Christmas). However, we do operate a contactless payment station at all Sunday services, and there are a few other options for regular donations if bank transfers/standing orders are not possible. Please contact Matthew Clough who can advise.

Claiming Gift Aid

We operate a Gift Aid scheme whereby, for a UK taxpayer, we are able to reclaim from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) an amount equivalent to the income tax an individual has paid on the donation they have given. This represents a **significant income for us each year** and only requires a simple, one-off sign-up and declaration if you are an eligible taxpayer.

Example: For every £10 donated, we recover another £2.50, making a total gift of £12.50.

If you are a UK taxpayer and would like Trinity at Four to claim Gift Aid, please indicate so on the RGS form overleaf, and we will send you a Gift Aid form to complete.

Questions about RGS?

This information is also available at www.trinityatfour.org.uk/giving. If you have any questions please contact our Finance Team Giving Secretary, Matthew Clough:

- matthew.clough1@btinternet.com
- 07889 623732

RGS Pledge Form

After prayerful consideration -

I/We would like to **join the Trinity at Four Regular Giving Scheme**. I/We pledge to give regularly to the ministry at Trinity at Four £..... per week/month/year (delete as applicable) for weeks/months/years/indefinitely starting from (date). I/ we're happy for the finance team to keep me/us informed of the financial situation at church, and to occasionally review our giving (usually annually).

I/We pledge to donate £..... as a **one-off gift** to the ministry at Trinity at Four by (date)

I am a UK taxpayer and happy for **Gift Aid** to be claimed on my donations.

Name of taxpayer(s):

Please indicate which name Gift Aid should be claimed in or if claim should be split

Can Gift Aid be claimed on the total donations? YES/NO

If NO please specify amount on which Gift Aid can be claimed:

Name:

Signed:

Date:

Address:

Email:

Please **return this form** to the RGS box at church or to matthew.clough1@btinternet.com.