

You can help our parish at no extra cost to you by using Gift Aid – see below for more!

1. What is Gift Aid?

Gift Aid allows charities like our parish (Cookstown) to reclaim income tax on donations you make to us.

2. What Donations are Included?

Donations from now on can be included. You can include all donations from the last 4 years (though you do need to tell us about any tax years where you didn't pay enough tax). Donations must be identified as coming from you – so you must use the numbered offertory promise envelope, or a cheque / standing order / direct debit.

3. How does the Parish benefit from my participation?

Donating through Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It won't cost you any extra. For example, if you donate £10, the parish will receive an additional £2.50.

We can claim Gift Aid on most donations, but some payments don't qualify.

4. Who Can Participate?

Anyone who pays income tax or capital gains tax which is at least equal to the amount the parish will claim on your donations. Your donations will qualify as long as they're not more than 4 times what you have paid in tax in that tax year (6 April to 5 April). This includes tax paid on savings or pensions. For example, if you donate £200 in a year to the parish, you would need to be able to paying at least £50 a year on tax.

If you pay tax at the higher or additional rate, you can claim the difference between the rate you pay and basic rate on your donation.

5. How Can I Participate in Gift Aid?

Gift Aid forms for our parish are available from our Parish Office. Our Office is open from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm noon Monday to Friday. You can also telephone the Office at (028) 8676 3490 or email us at Cookstownparish@gmail.com.

6. Can I leave the Gift Aid scheme?

You can cancel at any time.

*This page is intended as a guide only. More information can be found on our Gift Aid forms.
Official Government information is here:*

<https://www.gov.uk/donating-to-charity/gift-aid>