# OFFERINGS & GIVING



This document summarises the 3 main funds that you can donate to, what the monies are used for, ways of giving and Gift Aid.

# **WEEKLY OFFERING**

This is your Free Will Offering (FWO) given towards the daily running of the Church



# **UNITED APPEAL FOR MISSIONS**

Giving to work of Mission at home and overseas through Presbyterian Church in Ireland



## REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FUND

Supports the upkeep costs of our Church which includes the Worship area, Church halls and a Manse.



# FREE WILL OFFERING (FWO)



#### Weekly giving to support the running of Shore Street Presbyterian Church

Your weekly **Free Will Offering** is the main source of funding for the work and witness of Shore Street and is absolutely vital to support the day-to-day running of the Church. Your FWO is used to pay the salaries, expenses and pension contributions of our staff. It also pays for property rates, insurance, heating oil, electricity, printing, IT costs and teaching resources. Your FWO also funds the costs associated with local outreach initiatives.

## **UNITED APPEAL**



#### Giving to work of Mission at home and overseas through Presbyterian Church

**United Appeal** funds our wider mission work as Presbyterians. Each congregation has an annual target based on its size and income. The money is collected in each church and forwarded to PCI in Belfast to manage and distribute. Shore Street's annual target is usually around £17,000 which is just over £1400 per month.

This is a fantastic resource that finances a wide range of personnel and missional events both at home and overseas. Missionaries serving with the Presbyterian Church are funded through this scheme.

Closer to home personnel, such as Deaconesses, are funded through **United Appeal** as well as other outreach workers in congregations throughout Ireland and small congregations in missional situations.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support God's work at home and overseas. Details about projects, programmes and staff supported can be found at www.presbyterianireland.org/unitedappeal



# **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FUND**



#### Giving to the maintenance and upkeep of our existing property

Our existing Worship Area is 200 years old and, sadly, is in a very poor state of repair - there are serious problems with the Church roof and the walls are crumbling internally.

Whilst we would like to build a new Worship Area in the future, we realise this is a long term project and can only be commenced when funds permit so, in the short term, we must continue to maintain and repair our existing property.

With repair bills increasing every year, this is a vital fund to keep the Church safe and comfortable for everyone.



# **SUPPORT OTHER FUNDS**

**Harvest Appeal** in October. Each year we announce how your Harvest donation will be used.

#### SST Food Bank

World Development Appeal around Christmas time.

**Moderator's Appeal** - PCI's Moderator will periodically appeal for donations in response to large scale natural disasters, war, famine etc.

#### The Presbyterian Children's and Orphan Society

You may also wish to support missionaries connected to our congregation. These include YADA Burundi, Shelter UK, Youth for Christ (Donaghadee), Youth for Christ (Crumlin) and Operation Mobilisation amongst others. This may be done via Internet banking or church envelope.

# **WAYS OF GIVING**

There a number of ways that you can Give to the various Funds at SST:

#### > Standing Order or Internet Banking

Giving by Standing Order or Internet Banking greatly reduces the time taken to count money and is the safest way to give.

Forms can be downloaded from www.shorestreet.org/give or obtained from the Treasurer. If you have internet banking, you may wish to set up a Standing Order yourself. Please notify our Treasurer by emailing accounts@shorestreet.org and advising which funds you wish to give to. Our bank details are:

Name of account: Shore Street Presbyterian Church Bank: Ulster Bank, Springhill, Bangor

Sort code: 98-05-30 Account number: 38590024

Payment reference: Please use your surname and FWO number (if known).

#### > Cash or Cheque via Church Envelopes

**FWO, United Appeal** and **Repair and Maintenance Fund** envelopes are available. If you require church envelopes, please contact the FWO Treasurer. Cheques should be made payable to Shore Street Presbyterian Church. If you wish to donate to a specific fund, please put a note in the envelope. Collection plates are situated at the main doors of the Church.

### **GIFT AID... BOOST YOUR DONATION BY 25%**

**Gift Aid** is a scheme enabling registered charities to reclaim tax on a donation made by a UK taxpayer, increasing the amount of the donation by 25p for every £1 donated at absolutely *no additional cost to you!* 

This really adds up so, if you are a UK taxpayer and would like SST to claim **Gift Aid** on your donations, simply sign a **Gift Aid** declaration form or use one of our **Gift Aid** envelopes. If you stop paying tax, you must tell us.

If you have any queries, would like FWO envelopes, Standing Order or Gift Aid forms please contact the FWO Treasurer or Honorary Treasurer:

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