

What is Gift Aid?

If you are a UK taxpayer, Gift Aid is one of the simplest and most effective ways of giving to charity. It is a scheme administered by HMRC which allows us to claim 25p for every £1 that you donate. So, for example, if you donate £20 we can claim an extra £5, making your gift worth £25 at no cost to you, helping us to look after this special place and to serve our community.

Does it cost me anything to do Gift Aid?

No, there is no cost to you. The 25% we can claim comes out of the amount of money you pay to the government (HMRC) in tax through the year. As long as you pay enough tax each year, you do not pay anything to Gift Aid you donations.

What do the Cathedral need to claim the gift aid on my donations?

- A declaration form completed (including your full name and home address), signed and returned to the Development Team at the Cathedral Office, 9 The Close, Winchester, SO23 9LS
- A personal donation.
- For you to be paying income tax or capital gains tax which at least equals the amount the Cathedral and other charities and community amateur sports clubs will claim in the appropriate tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next). This is currently 25p for every £1 you give.

When are donations not eligible for Gift Aid?

- A donation made in return for tickets (raffles, events and auctions) or goods and services.
- A donation on behalf of someone else or a group of people.
- A donation on behalf of a company.

I am a higher rate tax payer.

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 HMRC to adjust your tax code.

I would like the Cathedral to benefit from Gift Aid – how do I make my donation?

You can make a donation on our website, send us a cheque, transfer a donation via BACS, use the blue donations envelopes or give by standing order. If you prefer to give by cash please make sure we can identify your donation. To reclaim the gift aid all that we need is your permission to reclaim it.

How is Gift Aid claimed if I make donations to the Cathedral via the Parish Giving Scheme

Your donations are legally given to the Parish Giving Scheme, who handle all the administration, including Gift Aid, on the Cathedral's behalf. Your donations are restricted to the Cathedral and cannot be used by the Parish Giving Scheme for any other purposes.

Please remember to let the Parish Giving Scheme know of any changes to your tax status, including changes to your name and address, so they can ensure that no further claims are made against your donations.

Is there anything else I need to know?

Please notify Winchester Cathedral if you wish to cancel your declaration, change your name, or home address, or if you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

I'd like to sign up to Gift Aid, how do I do that?

You can sign a Gift Aid declaration when you make any donation on our website. Alternatively, you can provide a Gift Aid Declaration by completing the simple online Gift Aid Form or request a form by contacting Zoe Seenan or Sue Perrin at fundraising@winchester-cathedral.org.uk 01962 857241/01962 857231 The Cathedral Office, 9 The Close, Winchester, SO23 9LS.