

Growing **OUR** MINISTRY Together...

THE 2025 BUDGET CHALLENGE

Thank you for your generosity in 2024. Your giving enabled us to carry out the ministries we believe God has called us to and support missionaries and mission projects in Spain, Myanmar, North Africa, and beyond. We also partnered with Baptist Missions, Baptist Association churches and other gospel-centred organisations.

However, rising costs and growing opportunities mean **we must increase our giving to meet the needs ahead in 2025/26.** To continue to serve well, our financial resources must grow.

The **Development Fund**, part of our general fund, continues to support essential repairs and upgrades while also investing in people and programmes focused on Community and Evangelism.

The **Fellowship Fund** remains a key support for those facing urgent needs and will continue to be part of our shared life together.

As HRBC grows, so do the demands on our pastors, staff, and volunteers. We've strengthened our team by welcoming Mo Cameron as Administration Assistant and transitioning Sharon Heron to Bookkeeper, building capacity for growth.

We believe giving is an act of worship - a response to God's generosity. Please read the biblical guidelines overleaf and consider prayerfully how you can take part.

The year ahead is full of promise. Let's move forward with faith, generosity and expectation, ready to see what God will do through HRBC.

WAYS TO GIVE

STANDING ORDERS & TRANSFERS

Fill out the form overleaf (with our bank details) and return to the Treasurer, or do it yourself online.



CHEQUES

Make payable to Hamilton Road Baptist Church and return to the Treasurer.

ONLINE/APP

Contribute via ChurchSuite, either online at <https://hamiltonroadbaptist.churchsuite.co.uk/donate> or in the ChurchSuite app (Menu > My Giving). Or scan the QR Code above with your phone's camera.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD

Look out for the option to donate by card in church.

GIFT AID

For tax payers the most efficient way to give is through Gift Aid. Signing the simple form on the back of this document, will enable us to reclaim tax, which increases the value of your giving by 25%.

After returning the form, just ensure that whatever you give can be identified - either by placing it in an envelope with your name on it, or by setting up a Standing Order with your Bank or Building Society. This may be done using the other form overleaf.

When completed, return it to the Treasurer, who will do whatever else is necessary. All donations are kept confidential.

If, in your case, Gift Aid is not appropriate, you can still give by standing order if you wish, or by way of the normal Sunday morning offering. Donations can also be made through the church website (see above). This is particularly appropriate for one-off gifts.



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WHAT
ABOUT
Giving
FOR THE
GOSPEL
IN 2025-26?



Why should I be giving at all?

Giving is essentially not a financial discipline but a spiritual privilege on which the Bible gives a number of important, but simple, principles.

- **Giving should be REGULAR.** Paul told the Corinthians that they should give “on the first day of every week”.
- **Giving should be INDIVIDUAL.** Paul addresses his instruction to “each one of you” implying that it is each of our responsibilities to look at what we have and decide accordingly.
- **Giving should be PLANNED.** We are to put aside the money we will give to God. Paul says each one should give as he (she) has purposed in his heart, where “purposed” translates as “set aside beforehand”.
- **Giving should be PROPORTIONAL.** Paul told each Corinthian to give “as he may prosper”. The Old Testament talked in terms of tithing income – 10% to you and me. Should we give less?
- **Giving should be SACRIFICIAL.** The widow in Mark’s gospel was commended by Jesus, not for the amount, but for the cost to her.
- **Giving should be CHEERFUL.** Paul urges the Corinthians not to give grudgingly or under compulsion because God loves a cheerful giver.

There is no doubt that if God’s principles are embraced by God’s people God’s work will be affordable.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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 9:6-7

BANKERS ORDER (STANDING ORDER)

NAME ON ACCOUNT

SORT CODE

ACCOUNT NUMBER

To the Manager

NAME OF BANK

ADDRESS

POSTCODE

Please debit the above account, paying to the account of Hamilton Road Baptist Church at Danske Bank, Sort Code 95-02-52, Account Number 83861279, the sum of

AMOUNT IN WORDS

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DATE OF FIRST PAYMENT

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DATE

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