

Gift Aid Update



Keeping you in touch with Gift Aid issues - for Churches using the Diocesan Gift Aid Lite Scheme

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REPAYMENT DELAYS

Please note that as at 17th March, HMRC advised that they were dealing with post received on the 16th February - a four week repayment delay! This is likely to get worse after April.

Tax year end Figures...

As with previous years, a report will be forwarded to you with your remittance advice detailing the claims made against each donor for the 2008/09 tax year. Each donor has an individual total. This report should be checked for accuracy and the totals given, used to send out your annual acknowledgement / thank you letters.

So why send acknowledgement letters?

First and foremost we all like to be thanked - it is human nature. The times I hear 'but I have never received a thank you from my Church' and sometimes to I get 'I had a lovely thank you from my Church...' - yes it does take an effort but can be beneficial.

Not only is it good on a personal level, but beneficial on other levels too:-

- You should include the amount of tax claimed for each donor on their letter and ask them to ensure that they have paid sufficient tax during 2008/09 tax year to cover the amount of tax claimed on their donations and notify you if not.
- The amounts donated are needed for those people who need to complete self assessment forms.
- A letter to non Gift Aid donors together with Gift Aid information may encourage someone not previously wanting to Gift Aid to do so.

Should any claims have been made against people who are paying little or no tax, please let me have the details so that the appropriate refund can be made.

The Budget 2009

Traditionally, the Chancellor's Budget is held in March and we are able to make the appropriate announcements (if any) which are made in our April mailing. Sadly, this year the Budget will not be held until the 22nd April. We are aware of several reviews taking place currently and would expect the changes being announced during this Budget. We will ensure that any update needed, will be notified to you as soon as possible.

CHALLENGE

Often I hear Churches tell me that cash flow is a problem and when I enquire about one off envelopes; I am told 'they are not used that often here'. The reason usually is that they are hiding somewhere in the Church and not readily available. The next time that you enter your Church, do so as though you were a visitor. Would you be given a warm welcome? Can you find an envelope for your collection without searching? If not, maybe this issue needs to be discussed at a PCC meeting... it might not work but the environment for easy giving should be there.

Please ensure that any one offs to be included in the 'print run' for the June quarter, are received in the office by Friday 19th June 2009

Event - Saturday 20th June 2009

(see over for more details)

HMRC Toolkit – want a copy?

If anyone is interested in having a copy of this CD please let me know. The information on it is also available on our website. It contains a lot of useful information, together with suggestions for posters etc. I understand from HMRC that they intend to revise the content later this year/next year to include up to date information.

Stewardship and Legacy Resources

New resources are now available on the Diocesan website - check them out!

(www.manchester.anglican.org)

ENVELOPE REGISTER DATES FOR 2009/10

To enable easy access of both tax year and calendar year figures we recommend that you use the following quarterly dates in your register -

6th April 2009 - 30th June 2009	(12 weeks)
1st July 2009 - 30th Sept. 2009	(13 weeks)
1st October 2009 - 31st Dec. 2009	(13 weeks)
1st January 2010 - 5th April 2010	(14 weeks)

Reminder.....

Please remember that separate schedules have to be completed for each calendar year. Any outstanding money to be claimed for 2008, therefore, will need to be notified separately.

Date for your diary.....

Saturday 20th June 2009

What's on then?

Stewardship and Gift Aid breakfast and Seminar

Speakers:

The Rt. Revd. The Bishop of Bolton
Mr Ian Gledhill (Audit Manager HMRC)
Canon Peter McEvitt (Stewardship Officer)

Keep a look out for more information and booking form - details will appear in Enews and CRUX shortly.

Come along - be inspired!

(Places will be limited - so book promptly)

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