

Gift Day

It is encouraging to report that the vast majority of our income arrives through regular, committed, tax-efficient donations from our members.

Our expenditure has grown over the last three years to over £1200 per week due to our expanded activities and staffing, but remains cost-efficient due to our very low premises and administrative costs.

The challenge for 2008...

This last year we have seen a drop in the overall level of our annual giving as some existing regular givers have moved on to serve in other churches (from around £74,000 to £62,000) We also anticipate increased costs in the coming year as we look to start another congregation and may also need to provide accommodation for Simon Johnson's successor as Assistant Minister as Simon moves on to Theological College in the Autumn.

This means that we need to raise our level of annual giving by a total of around £20-30,000

So we are asking this Gift Day for every member of Grace Church to prayerfully review their giving - our prayer is that

- ♦ all Grace Church members are committed to supporting the work.
- ♦ we are all generous givers



The names of financial givers and how much they give are not published in any accounts! This information is kept confidential by the treasurer and the one or two people who help administer our finances as a church and it is not known by Philip Sudell or others in the leadership team.

A copy of our financial accounts can always be had from our treasurer, Graham Wright.

GIVING - Being part of Grace Church means:

- Being committed to serving God using the gifts and resources that he has given us.
- Considering new areas of service and ministry.
- Reviewing the level of our financial giving.

Membership Sunday is one of the key times in the year when we are able to think about these things and there are opportunities to do this on the response slip as well as a brief outline of our financial needs to the left:



Areas of Service and Ministry

There are a number of areas in the life of Grace Church where fresh help and service would be greatly appreciated. These include:

- people being willing to serve as teachers and helpers in Grace Gang
- the practical task of setting up and clearing away the Maid of Muswell for our Sunday gatherings
- the setting up and operation of our sound system and computer and projector
- providing tea and coffee after we meet
- people willing to provide occasional lifts
- and we are always happy to know if you would be keen to serve musically or in welcoming people on a Sunday

Could you commit yourself to joining the teams for these activities?

Please respond using the slip enclosed or on the web at www.gracech.org.uk/media

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Gift Day and Membership Sunday

Feb 3rd 2008



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Grace Church

Grace Church is a local community of God's people, committed to following Jesus Christ.
We aim to be:

Membership Sunday



GOING out to speak of Christ's love.
GROWING in our love for Christ and others

We thank God...

...as we look back at this third year in the life of Grace Church – we have seen good numbers in our Sunday meetings – our midweek groups have a high percentage of the church family involved – our children's ministry and youth group are flourishing.

But as we learnt in our studies from the Book of Revelation a church can never live on the past, on a reputation for life that does not reflect the present. (Rev 3:1) – Jesus is looking for a church, a people who are not lukewarm but whole heartedly committed to serving and speaking for him (Rev 3:15,16)

Our vision of what Grace Church should be is expressed in our Mission Statement:

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GROWING in our love for Christ and others

Membership Sunday is an opportunity to focus on our vision as a church. What is it that we are hoping to achieve? What will our priorities be for the year ahead?



GOING out to speak of Christ's love.

Being a part of Grace Church means being committed to the task of telling the good news of Christ to others.

- through our own personal witness
- through our support of and prayer for our regular Christianity Explored courses
- through our involvement in the variety of outreach events that we put on as Grace Church

We would like everyone who considers themselves to be part of Grace Church to think and pray through the opportunities they may have in this area and seek to develop and grow the gifts God has given them for speaking to others of their faith in Christ.

GROWING in our love for Christ and others

Being a part of Grace Church means being committed to growing in our relationship with Jesus.

- through daily bible reading and prayer
- through being committed to our regular Sunday gathering
- through meeting up week by week in a smaller group focusing on God's word, the bible and prayer

We would like everyone who considers themselves to be part of Grace Church to be part of one of these midweek groups, whether daytime or evening, so that we ensure we are able to encourage and support each other as we live out our Christian faith.

A list of the available groups is on the right

Growing in Groups

Tuesday

- 6.15am - men's bible study - hosted by Geoff Broadhurst
- 10am - Stokes Court group - hosted by John Bagley
- 8pm - hosted by Simon and Lisa Thompson
- 7.30pm - fortnightly - hosted by Judy Pollard

Wednesday

- 8pm - hosted by Philip Sudell

Thursday

- 6am - men's bible study - hosted by Graham Wright
- 10am - women's bible study - hosted by Jo Sudell
- 8pm - hosted by Mark and Niki Evans

Friday

- 6am - weekly prayer breakfast - hosted by the Sudells

There is also a midweek group for the 10-14's on Wednesday afternoon. Contact Simon Johnson or Sam Sweetman for more details

Why not speak to Philip Sudell or someone who hosts a group and go along yourself this week to see how being part of a group like this would help you grow in your relationship with Christ.

