

## WHAT IS PLEDGING?

Pledging is your commitment to our work and the future of our Church in a financial form. It is a promise to give a regular amount to the Church.

### WHY SHOULD I DO IT?

St Ursula's is 100% self-financing. That means we receive no Church tax, no state funds, and nothing from the Church of England.

Our mission is to serve and minister to English speakers from every background in the Berne area.

To achieve this we need to have a full time priest, well maintained and warm premises, as well as an active and engaged congregation, to whom we can offer Ministry and other services.

We use the funds raised to run our Church, help those who need our ministry and to support selected charities. We will use them to grow as a body for Christ.

As Christians it is our duty to God to give with a cheerful heart. Everyone has their reasons that are personal to them.

I give because the Church is a priority for me

I give because the people here are like family to me



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## St Ursula's Church, Berne

### PLEDGING TO OUR CHURCH



**DEUTERONOMY 16:17: EVERY MAN  
SHALL GIVE AS HE IS ABLE,  
ACCORDING TO THE BLESSING OF THE  
LORD YOUR GOD WHICH HE HAS  
GIVEN YOU.**

## GOOD TO KNOW

- Your giving is between you, God, and the Church Treasurer and her assistant. We use codes to identify givers and to protect their privacy.
- You can change your pledge amount at any time, whether up or down, and can come out of the scheme at any time.
- Payments can be made at intervals of your choosing.
- The money can be transferred to either of our Postfinance accounts, or paid in at the counter, or given in an envelope in the collection.
- Payments to St Ursula's church are not eligible for tax relief.
- Tax relief is available if you give to the Association, and you will receive automatic annual tax receipts.
- Giving can be to either the Church or the Association or split between both.

## THE DIFFERENCE

- *St Ursula's Church is responsible for the Ministry side of our Mission, except the charitable giving.*
- *The association was set up at the suggestion of the Tax authorities in order to enable tax relief, and is responsible for the building fabric, pastoral work and charitable giving.*

## THE NEED

Our financial situation is available to see on the Church website as well as on the board in the hall. Generally we have seen several years of income reducing at a faster pace than expenditure reduced. It is more difficult to reduce expenditure quickly as we have commitments.

**Excluding any work we need to do on our buildings of a structural nature, we aim to raise around CHF 230000 in total in 2017. 70% of that should ideally come from giving.**

We also are still running our building appeal which needs to raise a similar amount or more next year. This is subject to a separate appeal.

Currently we have around 90 pledgers giving what they can regularly. Without new pledgers we cannot raise all we need to do all we want to do, possibly even to survive.



## PLEDGE SIGN UP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge amount: Church: CHF \_\_\_\_\_  
Association: CHF \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency: Monthly/Quarterly  
Bi-annual/Annual (please indicate)

Standing order to Postfinance account(s) ☐

Payment slips required: ☐

*(Please indicate as required)*

### POSTFINANCE ACCOUNTS:

CHURCH 30-4416-8  
IBAN: CH-79 0900 0000 3000 4416 8

ASSOCIATION: 60-666488-7  
IBAN: CH61 0900 0000 6066 6488 7

Once completed please send to:

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