

GIVING TO ST URSULA'S

Our Church was built in 1906. Since then we have grown and now have a multinational and diverse congregation, united in their love of Christ.

We want to continue to be the English Speaking Church in Berne, welcoming and serving all who know or wish to know Christ.

St Ursula's is 100% self financing

To do this we need to raise CHF 230,000 per year. We receive no Church tax, no state funds and nothing from the Church of England. We rely on our own resources to raise the money, through fund raising events throughout the year, renting out of our premises to different groups and through the generous financial support of our members.

It is our Christian duty to give back to the Lord a portion of all that he has given us. You too can be part of our circle of givers in all or any of the following ways:



The **collection** bag at our 10am Service is a way to show your appreciation to God for all that he has provided in the week.

Donations are irregular in nature, and ideal for those who cannot commit to a regular pledge, but who want to support God's work through us when they are able to.

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

2 Corinthians 9:7: Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

PLEDGES MEAN CERTAINTY.

We know we can rely on the promises made in order to plan our expenditure for the year. It means we know if we can afford to do the things we want to do with our ministry or invest in becoming a more eco-friendly church.

You can change your pledge amount at any time, whether up or down, and can come out of the scheme at any time.

See the good to know section for more info, or ask the Treasurer.

A LASTING LEGACY

Finally we ask you to consider St Ursula's Church when writing your Will. A legacy means we can do something significant and lasting with the money. Any legacy can be left for a specific purpose, or for us to decide the best use for it.

GOOD TO KNOW

- ✓ Your giving is between you, God, and the Church Treasurer. We use codes in our bookkeeping to identify givers and to protect their privacy.
- ✓ Payments can be made at intervals of your choosing, so you also can plan them based on the pattern of your income.
- ✓ 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, however 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. Most of our costs are borne by the Church.
- ✧ 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.

Postfinance accounts: Church: 30-4416-8
Association: 60-666488-7



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Financially supporting your Church

Deuteronomy 16:17: All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.