

VOLUNTARY DONATIONS AND GIFT AID

If you are a UK taxpayer, **using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further.** If you are a higher rate taxpayer, you can also claim back the difference between the basic and higher rate tax paid, thus further reducing the net cost to you of your gift. For example:

Lump sums or annual donations:

To give the Choir this amount (£):	which would pay for:	your Gift Aid Donation would be (£):	and if you pay higher-rate tax at 40%, the net cost to you would be (£):
50	Piano Tuning	40	30
75	2 Concert tickets for Music Critics	60	45
100	Conductor's Full Score	80	60
200	Rehearsal and music costs for a student for one year	160	120
500	Hire of Chamber Organ: 1 concert	400	300
1000	Hire of Hall for a St Matthew Passion Rehearsal	800	600
2000	Hire of a top flight soloist : 1 concert	1600	1200

Monthly donations:

If you gave a monthly donation of (£):	the Choir would benefit annually by a total of (£):	and if you pay higher-rate tax at 40%, the net cost to you would be	
		Annually (£):	Monthly equivalent (£):
5	75	45	3.75
10	150	90	7.50
15	225	135	11.25
20	300	180	15.00
33.40	501	301	25.05
50	750	450	35.50
100	1500	900	75.00

So, for an outlay of only £33.40 a month you could become a Benefactor of The Bach Choir **and**, if applicable, reclaim £100 in higher-rate tax for the year (or more if you pay tax at a higher marginal rate of 50%): a net monthly cost of just over £25.

These tables illustrate only a limited number of examples and are based on current tax rates: we will be glad to advise what the figures would be for other amounts, or for quarterly payments.

You do not necessarily have to be even a basic-rate taxpayer, provided that you pay UK tax at whatever rate (on income, interest, credit on dividends, or capital gains tax) equal to the **amount** of tax reclaimed by the Choir (25% of the total of your singing membership subscription plus any voluntary donation). i.e.: If you pay more than £81 tax in the year, your subscription, plus an extra £5 monthly if you wish, would qualify for Gift Aid.

But every Pound will help – and will be greatly appreciated