

Freewill Offering Envelopes

At this time of year, we normally distribute freewill offering envelopes as a number of members and regular attenders here at St Columba's choose to give in this way. Due to the current health emergency, we are not able to distribute these envelopes. Besides, we are all being asked to avoid handling cash wherever possible.

Whilst this will clearly have an impact on our church income (around a third of our giving is through freewill offering envelopes or through the offering plate), we are by no means alone in feeling a financial impact from this virus. Many organisations and many individuals are similarly affected.

In the meantime, we are suggesting two possibilities for those who currently use the freewill offering envelopes:

- 1) Once restrictions are lifted and it is possible to use the envelopes again to consider making a one-off gift as your circumstances allow.

OR

- 2) To consider setting up a standing order in the meantime. This may be done through phone or internet banking if you have it. Alternatively, we can send (by email or hardcopy) a standing order mandate form to be completed and posted to your bank.

Our Treasurer, Neil Bathie, will be happy to answer any questions on the above and can be contacted at n.f.bathie@ntlworld.com.