



Godmanchester Baptist Church

Fundraising guidelines

Many church members raise funds for GBC projects and other organisations.

GBC supports a limited number of external organisations both through its general funds and by giving them opportunities to raise funds.

To be fair to everyone, not overburden people with unplanned requests for giving, focus on our key GBC commitments and plan whole church events without a fundraising element, we have adopted a set of principles. These can be summarised:

- **We will support and publicise a maximum of two fundraising activities at any time.**
 1. One activity related to **GBC core funding or activities** or in response to a **disaster appeal** (as agreed by Leadership Team).
 2. One activity related to the **charities** we have agreed to support by way of world mission or to facilitate short term mission by GBC people or team (agreed by LT, staff team or mission team). If there is no appeal in (1) happening, a second activity may be promoted – but we will also limit the number of appeals by any particular charity to a reasonable number (ie approx. 2 per year).
- **We will help publicise these activities by**
 1. Providing information in GBC news and by specific prayer points e-mails.
 2. Providing a brief opportunity at one service for info about the project to be shared (rather than its specifically fundraising element).
 3. Providing a stall for further info at that service.
 4. Offering the use of premises for specific info/fundraising meetings without charge.
 5. Circulating information to small groups about specific events.
 6. Facilitating an evening service or other occasion for more in-depth info sharing or feedback.

For all other fundraising events, and subject to approval by one of the LT (usually a Pastor or Church Administrator), we can distribute information in GBC news and to Small Groups, and display posters in the GBC Centre. We may offer opportunity to use premises without cost or at a reduced charge for a fund-raising event. It may be possible to offer an evening service for information sharing, but not at our Sunday morning Celebration.

For Christian Aid Week, organisers can recruit collectors by use of GBC communications and by a stall after services for a max of 4 weeks.

We do not give opportunity to repeat at the Sunday morning Celebration notices which have already appeared in the Weekly News.