

Easter Offering



Autumn 2009

Theme and Aim

This coming year's Easter Offering is titled is 'Companions in Faith, Hope and Love'. As in previous years, it has been developed and organised in conjunction with Women's Network.

As usual, the vast majority of the offering will go to supporting the World Mission Fund of The Methodist Church in Britain with only a tiny percentage (1%) going towards district training funds. Each year the Easter Offering has raised between £300,000 and £400,000 nationally, thanks to the hard work of the Women's Network and the generosity of our membership.

An optional Love Feast is included this year, with a tried and tested recipe for the Middlesmoor Love Feast cake as used in the Yorkshire Dales since the time of Wesley.

Ordering Materials

All materials can be ordered directly from Methodist Publishing (telephone 01733 235962 or email methodistpublishing@methodistchurch.org.uk). They are listed in the catalogue under Easter Offering 2010. Alternatively please fill in the attached order form and send it to: *Methodist Publishing, 17 Tresham Road Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 6SG.*

All orders, including Orders of Service, must be received by Friday 27th November 2009, so that we can ensure minimum wastage when printing. This year we are prepared to deliver the materials directly to individual circuits. This is just as cost effective as delivering them to Districts.

The orders will be sent out as soon as possible in the new year, and in any case if we have received your orders by Friday 27th November 2009 you will receive them by the **third week of January 2010**.

For those who wish to start planning early, the materials will be available on the Methodist Church web site in early November 2009.

What to order

- GE300-FR-10** Easter Offering envelopes (packs of 40)
- GE301-FR-10** A3 poster
- GE302-FR-10** Leaders notes
- GE303-FR-10** Pulpit notice sheet
- GE304-FR-10** Order of Service (packs of 10) – Welsh
- GE305-FR-10** Order of Service (packs of 10) – English
- GE306-FR-10** Order of Service (packs of 10) – Large print
- GE307-FR-10** Order of Service (packs of 10) – Braille

The Order of Service comes as 4 sheets consisting of:

- **The Order of Service (two sides of A4)**
- **The optional Love Feast Order of Service and cake recipe (2 sides A4)**
- **A separate sheet for hymns**
- **A separate sheet for prayers**

There will also be a PowerPoint presentation and images available to download on the Methodist Church website. Should there be sufficient interest in these to justify the cost, we will make these available as a CD-ROM.

What to do with the gifts

Envelopes

Easter Offering gifts can be placed in the envelopes provided in the pews. Please encourage members who pay income tax to fill in the Gift Aid declaration on the back – that will turn a £10 gift into £12.80 at no cost to anyone except the taxman! Cheques should be made out to 'The Methodist Church World Mission Fund'.

Note to circuit treasurers

When paying in the gifts, please use the World Mission Fund General Funds paying in book (the 6 figure code ends in 00). Please remember to keep a separate note of what was paid in from the Easter Offering. The Finance Department will be asking you for these figures when you receive the summary reports in October.

At present, this is the only way for us to know how much has been collected.

The Fundraising Coordinator, Methodist Church House
25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR

Gift Aid

Please note that Gift Aid from the Easter Offering collections cannot be claimed by the circuit as this will be claimed by the Methodist Church on behalf of the World Mission Fund. Opened Gift Aid envelopes, once the contents have been paid in, should be sent to:

For more information:

Any queries should be addressed to: David Bennett, Fundraising Coordinator, at *missionfunding@methodistchurch.org.uk* or on 020 7467 3783.

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POSTAGE RATES (United Kingdom)

- Please add £3.50 for orders up to the value of £4.99, add £5.00 for orders costing £5.00 and over. Orders over £150 are postage free.
- Urgent orders received before 12 noon will incur an extra charge of £1.50 for same day despatch of items in stock.
- For overseas postage please contact us for a quote.

ORDER CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	ITEM PRICE	TOTAL £
GE300-FR-10	Easter Offering Envelope (Packs of 40 envelopes)	Free
GE301-FR-10	Easter Offering A3 Poster	Free
GE302-FR-10	Easter Offering Leaders Notes	Free
GE303-FR-10	Easter Offering Pulpit Notices	Free
GE304-FR-10	Easter Offering Order of Service (Packs of 10) - Welsh	£2.50
GE305-FR-10	Easter Offering Order of Service (Packs of 10) - English	£2.50
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TOTAL ORDER			
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METHOD OF PAYMENT Accepted only in pounds sterling. Please make cheques payable to *Methodist Publishing*. Switch, Maestro, Mastercard and Visa are accepted. If paying by credit/debit card please include a daytime telephone number.

If we decided to produce a CD ROM for £5, please indicate your interest by ticking the box

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