

Free donations software from Data Developments Ltd – new offer from 3rd April

In recent weeks, we have been working on ways in which we can support churches and help those who may not have the knowledge to be able to set up websites or a donation button on their website.

Some churches have recently reported their donations to be down by over 70%, and so we are offering these services FREE of charge to help support churches at this time and to encourage donors to keep donating.

For new users, or existing [Donation Co-ordinator](#) users, we are offering free use of [MyGiving.Online](#) (our donations platform) for 90 days, by which time we hope that services will be up and running. If they aren't, then we will extend this free period indefinitely until they are. In the last couple of weeks, we have had almost 1,300 churches/charities sign up to MyGiving to enable donations to be received online.

We are also running free weekly online training sessions, and our technical support team will be on hand to help with any queries – again, there will be no charge for this. Our aim is to help get the donation essentials set up quickly.

For churches that have their own website

MyGiving.Online will enable churches to create digital donation options, including 'Donate Now' buttons which can be copied and pasted onto their website or their A Church Near You listing.

This is immediately available and churches can sign up by going to <http://www.datadevonline.co.uk/MyGivingTrial>.

For churches that do not have a website

These churches could still take advantage of MyGiving free for 90 days. They just need to create a merchant account (in order to process the credit/debit card donations) and simply add a donation button link to their A Church Near You listing. This would then give those churches a quick and easy way of accepting online donations without high fees and without the need to create their own website.

What happens when the free period for using MyGiving expires?

This will mean that churches are open again and services are taking place, which we are all hoping will be as soon as possible. At this point, we won't leave churches high and dry – we will give an additional 30 days for the information to be downloaded. Churches can then decide whether to sign up to MyGiving or walk away with nothing to pay – even if they have used our technical support during this period.

To help churches set up the essentials quickly we will be running **free online training** events every week. People can log into these and we will show how to set up the donation options, use the software, submit claims to HMRC and more. A chat feature is included so that questions can be asked during the training.

To sign up or for information on dates, times and items covered, please go to <https://www.datadevelopments.co.uk/services/>.