

# Church Finance Officer

This year has been a landmark year for me it was my sixtieth birthday and I can only thank God that I have reached sixty as a few years ago because of serious health issues this seemed an impossibility and it is only because we have a God of miracles.

Sometimes it can be hard to walk in our healing. May be like me because of age, circumstance or health we are unable to do the things we used to be able to do. It can be so easy sometimes to focus on the negative rather than all the things that God has done for us. But God has a purpose and plan for all of our lives not just as individuals but as a family here at OCC.

He has given us all giftings and talents to be used to glorify him. We have only to look round on a Sunday at the people sitting next to us and we can see this from catering, preaching, cleaning teaching the list goes on. These giftings are not only being used for our Church but to impact the community from working in the charity shops, the drop in and youth and children's work on a Friday.

"This is our God, The Servant King. He calls us now to follow Him. To bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to The Servant King"

On behalf of the Church session I would like to thank all of you who have generously given to the work here at Oasis Christian Centre whether it be financially or in food to the storehouse for without your generosity we would not be able to touch as many lives with the love of God as we do.

Again this year I would like to remind you about the gift aid scheme where as a church if you are a tax payer we can claim money back from the Inland Revenue any money given to Oasis Christian Centre. It does not matter how little or how much you want to give there is no commitment to any set amount this scheme applies to any money that you give to Oasis Christian Centre. This is not restricted just to tithes and offerings but to money given for any other purpose, for example, missions or building fund. Any money or cheques must be placed in your numbered envelope for gift aid to be claimed. If you are not part of this scheme please see me for a very simple form to be completed. I would also like to remind you that any regular giving whether gift aided or not can be given by standing order, if you are able to do this it would be a great help.

And finally I would like to thank Pam and others who help count the collection each week and Josh not just for his practical help with the accounts but his encouragement, fun and servant heart around the office

**Diane Tolson**