

# Stewardship 2020

**Thanksgiving** for the past  
**Maintaining** the present  
**Ensuring** the future

**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.**

*Hebrews 13.5*

**Let everyone give as their heart tells them,  
neither grudgingly nor under compulsion,  
for God loves the person who gives gladly.**

*2 Corinthians 9.7*

## **Whose responsibility is funding ministry at St Andrew's?**

### **It is ours**

Each Anglican parish must resource its own ministry, maintain its own buildings and site and endeavour to support the Church's work elsewhere.

As you know, this is done in a variety of ways:

- by giving money regularly
- by doing particular tasks and ministries
- by supporting the Anglican Church's wider work through our payment of Diocesan assessments and the parish's mission-giving through the generous work of the Op Shop
- by giving practical help to those in need within and beyond the Parish.

## **What is money needed for?**

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In the Anglican Church, of which St Andrew's is part, each parish must meet the costs of:

- clergy, office & music staff
- pastoral ministry in the parish
- ministry with children and parents
- parish education and other activities
- maintenance, insurance and repair of the church buildings and grounds
- administration expenses of the parish
- outreach in the parish and beyond through the work of the bishops, chaplaincies and the education of future clergy.

## Thank you to those who have already increased their giving

### How much is needed?

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The contribution required to be raised from giving through envelope, Anglican Development Fund (ADF) direct debit and open plate giving is **\$270,000**. This is only one-third of our total budget for 2020.

Giving has significantly fallen over the past decade and we are now at the point where we are losing around \$70,000 per year.

There are insufficient funds on hand to continue losses of this order and so **we appeal to all parishioners to review the weekly amount that they contribute to St Andrew's.**

## We need at least \$50 per person per week

### How can I give my share?

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Participation by pledging to donate a specific amount. This means that the parish plan for future expenditure knowing what it will receive during the year. We have appointed a Pledge Recorder, Philippa McKenna, to manage our pledging to ensure that your financial arrangements are kept confidential.

**Weekly envelopes** are a familiar way to place your cheque or cash in the collection. Each week money can be set aside in a new envelope even if you are unable to attend a service every week. Your regular giving helps match the regularity of expenditures.

**Periodic direct deposits** made electronically and regularly from your bank account to our free ADF facility.

A separate ADF brochure with details is attached. This easy method of payment is most helpful to us. Please indicate on your returned form if this is how you will be making your contribution. Our Pledge Recorder will contact you to help you in completing and lodging this form if you indicate that you wish to start or change to this method of giving.

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### A prayer to use as you commit to give

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*Generous God,  
we know that all we have is yours;  
save us from the delusion of believing it is ours;  
save us from possessiveness,  
that your grace may abound in all things  
at all times; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### Ways to give additional gifts

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Thanksgiving gifts express gratitude to God for special times in your life such as the birth of a child or grandchild, or to mark a special anniversary such as a wedding, recalling the life of a loved person, or recovery from an illness.

This is a contemporary way to make the 'sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving' that we read about in the scriptures and our liturgies.

Tax deductible donations to our charitable trust, the **St Andrew's Music Foundation Fund**, can be made to fund our War Memorial Organ and for our music programs.

**A bequest** is a special and significant way to give to God's work. Your will can witness to your faith and commitment to the mission of your parish. You can resource St Andrew's beyond your lifetime and know that your gift is building and maintaining a future here. You are welcome to contact the Vicar for a confidential discussion regarding how to word your bequest for a specific goal or for the general purpose of the parish. Specific bequests are not subject to Diocesan assessment, so we obtain the full benefit of your generosity.

Pledges, donations and gifts to St Andrew's Brighton will ensure that the future ministry and fabric of the parish properties and facilities are maintained for future generations of parishioners at St Andrew's.

**For where your treasure is,  
there will your heart be also.**

*Matthew 6.21*

**And all the tithe (*ten percent*) of the land,  
whether of the seed of the land,  
or of the fruit of the tree,  
is the Lord's: it is holy to the Lord.**

*Leviticus 27.30*

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## What is a pledge?

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It is a regular and systematic offering.  
It is different from an occasional donation.

Regularity, percentage and period of giving must be 'vowed',  
'promised', or 'purposed' in advance by the worshipper.  
*2 Corinthians. 9:7*

It is given as a percentage or proportion of the income.  
*1 Corinthians 16:1; Deuteronomy. 16:17*

It should be given by those who receive any income.  
*Proverbs 3:9*

Giving to God must be in priority to any other expense or giving.  
*Proverbs. 3:9; Matthew. 6:33*

It is considered as important and morally binding as was the tithe (ten percent)  
in *Malachi. 3:8-10.*

The practice of tithing (giving the first 10% to God) is not the Church's invention. It was established by God for all humanity long before the establishment of the Jewish nation, and it is practiced today by Christians. Abraham and Jacob paid the tithe, and the law of tithing was reaffirmed for the Israelites when they were about to be established as a nation. *Leviticus 27:30, 32*

Let us follow Solomon's invitation:

**'Honour the Lord with your possessions,  
and with the first-fruits of all your increase;  
so your barns will be filled with plenty,  
and your vats will overflow with wine'**  
*Proverbs 3:9*