

Our Goal

Our goal is to be financially secure. This means:

1. Meeting our monthly financial commitments from regular giving. To do this we need to increase the weekly average giving to about \$16.
2. Using fundraising on projects that will help us to grow the Church.
3. To be able to give financial support to those not as well off as us through recognized community support organizations. (Note - We have a goal of tithing our fundraising.)



Giving financially to the Church is expected so that God's work can be supported within the communities in which we live. Money is needed to sustain the stipendiary and administrative staff, the Church buildings including the Vicarage, the wider Church community in the form of the Diocese, and the world-wide communion through the

Anglican Board of Missions.

How much to give is very much a personal decision. Tithing, one tenth of income, is a big commitment that is too tough for most people. On the other hand, a few coins in the plate on Sunday is not realistic either. As a Bishop used to say at Church gatherings "the notes in the plate need to be green ones".

Everyone is encouraged to give what they can. Overleaf there are some tips that might help you to give in a meaningful way while maintaining your standard of living.



For further information please call Beryl Turner, our confidential Parish Giving Recorder on 234 6417.

\Giving made easy – some questions and hints to help you.

This is a good principle: *"Give from what you have been given, not from what you have left at the end of the week."*

Question – How do I decide how much to give?

Hint # 1 – Work out your nett income, after standing commitments e.g. mortgage repayments, have been deducted. Between 3 and 7% of that is a good starting point.

Question – How often is it quite difficult to find the cash to put in the freewill offering envelope on Sunday morning?

Hint # 2 – If you choose to use freewill offering envelopes, place your pledged amount in the envelope as soon as possible after your income has been deposited in your bank account, and you have obtained some cash.

Question – If you use the envelope system, do you maintain your pledged contributions while you are away and not able to attend your normal Sunday service?

Hint # 3 – Using the Automatic Payment facility offered by all major banks makes it easy to both "give from what you have been given" and to keep up your pledged commitment even when you are away. Time the automatic payment to take place on the day after your income is deposited.

It doesn't matter if this is weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Many people have found this to be the easiest way to both give more generously than they thought possible, and to meet their commitment continuously.



Hint # 4 – If you use the automatic payment method, please remember to review the amount you give each year.