

How to give

There are several ways in which you can give to the Church.

You can use a Standing Order, the Donate Button on our website or make a direct bank transfer.

Alternatively you may wish to use the Monthly Collection or Free Will Envelope scheme or place your offering in the open plate during worship.

If you choose to use the **Envelope scheme**, or wish to use **Standing Order** or **bank transfer** please contact the Church Administrator or Treasurer via the Church Office, contact details on the back of this leaflet.

Thank you for all that you give, have given, and will give. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you too for reading this leaflet. We know that times are difficult but we ask that you carefully consider increasing your giving.

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Your giving can help to make our church **grow**



This leaflet explains

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Stewardship

Stewardship is about our response to God's generosity. It is about caring for all we have been given - this beautiful planet, family and friends, life itself. It is also about giving something back to God for his work here on Earth.

Generosity is rooted in our relationship with one another and with God. As God gives freely to us, we give freely to those we love, so we give generously to God, giving thanks for all we have been given.

What does this have to do with me?

As most of our income comes from our members we rely on your contributions to sustain worship and ministry in St. Andrew's today and tomorrow.

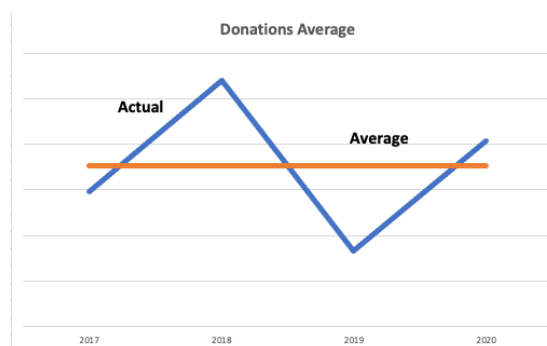
The pandemic has brought many difficulties to which the church is not immune. Suspension of public worship, loss of income from cash collections, envelopes and hall lettings have had a huge impact, exacerbating the decline dealt to our income over the years.

We know that the pandemic has also taken its toll on many people's finances. However, our situation has become serious so we are contacting you, along with all members of our congregation, to ask you to consider increasing the amount that you give.

Staffing, heating, lighting, insurances and upkeep of the church buildings and our contribution to the wider work of the Church (Ministry and Mission) costs around £140,000 per annum.

Why are we asking?

The chart below shows the unpredictable nature of givings from the congregation in recent years (an average of £77,500 per annum).



This has resulted in great difficulties in managing our finances and make ends meet.

In order just to keep doing what we do at present it is necessary that our incomes are increased. We want to expand and grow. At present we are only able to mark time but a good response to this appeal will enable us to move forward and develop much of what we currently do and achieve much more.

How much to give?

We are all different, and so are our circumstances. There is no easy answer and we must make our own decisions, but here are some things to consider.

First, just as our household bills increase year on year, so do the Church's.

Second, our giving makes possible the life, ministry and mission of our Church. Without it we cannot be a living Church that serves our community. With God's help and your support we can achieve great things.

Third, generosity is part of our Christian faith. Please take time to review your own giving, thoughtfully and prayerfully so that we can support our Church and its ministry through these tough times and into a brighter, stronger future.

