

HOW TO GIVE

You can give in any of the following ways:

1. Regular Standing Order. This is by far the most helpful way to support the church ministry, and one which many in the church family already use. Once you have decided how much you want to give, you can set up the arrangement with your bank and they will automatically deduct your gift each month. This saves you time and means that you don't forget when life gets busy. It also helps the church with our financial planning and saves us time (less coins to count).

You can quickly set up a standing order using your online or telephone banking and quoting this bank account information:

Recipient (or beneficiary) account name:

PCC of St John with St Andrew

Sort code: 60-05-14 **Account no.** 30057957

Alternatively you can complete and return one of our standing order forms (tick the gift aid box if you are a UK tax payer) and we will sort it out with the bank for you

2. One-off gifts. Either by **electronic transfer** to the details above, or by **cheque or charity voucher** (eg Stewardship or CAF voucher) payable to PCC of St John with St Andrew.

3. Weekly collections. At both churches collection plates or boxes are available for those who wish to give this way. If you are a UK tax-payer please remember to use the yellow 'Gift Aid' envelopes and put your name on the outside.

4. Leaving a legacy to St John with St Andrew. The last means of giving to the parish — and in some ways the most significant — is to leave a legacy in your will. However large or small a gift like this could be used to fund the work of the parish in this and future generations!

GIFT AID AND GIVE AS YOU EARN

If you pay tax in the UK please ensure you complete and return a gift aid form. You only need to do this once, and then we can reclaim the basic rate of tax on the gifts you give, whether you give by regular donation or one-off gifts. Then if you give £100, we get £125. If you pay tax at the higher rate then it will cost you just £75 to give the church £125 after reclaims. Some employers operate the Give As You Earn scheme where your gift comes out of your pre-tax salary. Do talk with Chris Weir at St Andrew's or in the church office to find out more about making your giving tax-efficient.



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SUPPORTING GOSPEL MINISTRY

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. 2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING supporting the work of St John with St Andrew, Chelsea. Giving money to support gospel work is a mark of spiritual health and therefore every Christian should aim to be giving regularly for their church's ministries. As we consider seriously the Bible's teaching regarding sacrificial giving, modelled on and motivated by Christ's sacrifice on the cross, we recognise that there is real cost to us, but also that giving motivated by grace pleases our Heavenly Father. Many Christians testify to the joy that comes from giving generously to gospel work and seeing the fruit in people's lives. A wonderful Bible passage on the grace of giving is 2 Corinthians 8 & 9 and it is worth prayerfully studying these chapters when considering your giving.

Some key principles are that we should give:

- **Sacrificially (8:1-2)** accepting the personal cost
- **Generously (8:3-7)** as much as we are able for the salvation of others
- **Gratefully (8:8-9)** for Christ became poor that we might be rich in Him
- **Realistically (8:10-12)** according to our capacity
- **Equally (8:13-15)** giving of our plenty to help others
- **Carefully (8:16-24)** so that we are good stewards of God's money

- **Actually (9:1-5)** that is, without hypocrisy and ensuring that we act on our intentions and keep our commitments

- **Freely (9:6-7)** without compulsion or reluctance but cheerfully

- **Confidently (9:8-11)** knowing that God will always supply our genuine needs

- **Encouragingly (9:12-17)** so that others praise God for what he does through us

How much we give will inevitably vary. Regular giving from individuals or families at St John with St Andrew currently ranges from small amounts to more than £600 each month and we are immensely grateful to God for each giver and each gift. The Old Testament required God's people to give 10% of their income. Although the New Testament doesn't impose any law upon us, many churches around the world (however poor) would encourage something like that level of commitment. Financial support for our local church is an important and enjoyable way to express our gratitude to God for our Saviour. Enjoy it!

OUR FINANCIAL NEED

OUR VISION

GOD'S GOSPEL, IN CHELSEA, FOR THE WORLD

We seek, by God's grace, to be a church that is:

- Learning – growing in our understanding of God
- Sharing – both our lives and God's gospel
- Giving – people and money to God's global mission

We have worked hard to budget and plan our costs for the coming year with this vision in mind.

OUR COSTS

In calendar year 2020 we are budgeting to spend £379k. In line with our vision, this breaks down into four areas: Learning, sharing, giving and Support. We have roughly allocated our staff costs across the four areas based on approximations of time spent.

In 2020 we plan to spend £118k on **Learning**; funding Ministry Trainees and providing sound Bible teaching so that individually and collectively we are built up and equipped to share the gospel. We plan to spend £109k on **Sharing**; resourcing evangelism as well as mercy ministry in our local area. We plan to maintain our **Giving**, financially

contributing to gospel ministry outside our churches, by allocating £66k, or 18% of our total income. Underpinning our Vision, at roughly 22%, is **Support**. This covers the costs of maintaining the church buildings and running the church office.

OUR INCOME

We have three streams of income to raise this money: **giving** from the two congregations (including Gift Aid tax reclaimed), **rental income and grants** from other bodies (such as the YMCA who support our youth and children's work). In 2020 we expect to, God willing, balance our books. But we are also anticipating giving from the congregations to decrease, because of some moving away and others needing to reduce their giving. We are appealing for an increase in giving now in order that we may continue to train the next generation of gospel workers and grow our own gospel work through staffing. We need to raise an additional £10k per year to pay for a ministry trainee and a further £45k per year to fund a full-time staff worker from mid-2021.

Please consider how you can give to God's gospel work here in Chelsea, for the World!

