

Why Give?

Our giving is an act of Worship

It is an expression of our gratitude for God's love and all that He has given us.

God is the ultimate owner of all we have. He calls us to be generous with what he gives us: money, time and talents.

Supporting our local church financially is an important part of our giving. It enables the ministry and mission of the church, helping us to share the love of Jesus and build His kingdom in our local communities and beyond

The Apostle Paul describes it as a key part of the life of a Christian:

"But since you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you - see that you also excel in this grace of giving."

2 Corinthians 8:6

How can I give financially?

You can give to the mission and ministry of the church by joining the '**Parish Giving Scheme' (PGS)**.

Many of our church members have joined this excellent monthly giving scheme, as it helps our treasurers plan the budget for the year ahead.

If you are eligible to claim **Gift Aid** on your giving, PGS will also claim this back from the HMRC and pay it to the church each month.

Simply search for either of our churches on the PGS (website www.parishgiving.org.uk):

- 050605106 St Andrew's Avonmouth
- 050605112 St Peter's Lawrence Weston

You can also give by:

- Giving a donation on Sundays using our contactless giving machine, or by cash.
- Setting up a regular donation to the church by standing order.
- Making a legacy gift in your will.

For more information

Do chat to our church wardens, treasurers or contact the office team on 0117 325 8720 or office@standrews-stpeters.org.
www.standrews-stpeters.org



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Generous Giving

There are many different ways we can give, be it our time serving others in the church and community; our money; offering hospitality and care for others; using our God given talents to show his love. In all these aspects of life and faith, Christians are called to give generously.

What does it mean to give generously?

- Prayerfully deciding a realistic amount to give away in relation to my income.
- When I see that my giving has an impact on my lifestyle – There is an element of sacrifice to my giving.
- Making giving a priority when we choose how to spend our money



JESUS SAID: "FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT. I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK, I WAS A STRANGER AND YOU INVITED ME IN, I NEEDED CLOTHES AND YOU CLOTHED ME, I WAS SICK AND YOU LOOKED AFTER ME, I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO VISIT ME."

MATTHEW 25:31-46

How much should I give?

We are called to love God and love our neighbour generously and sacrificially. Our financial giving is an expression of that love.

Many Christians find the Biblical principle of the tithe (10%) a helpful place to start. This was an Old Testament principle that seems to have continued into the life of the New Testament church.

However, the early church approached giving as a grace filled response to God's love, rather than a legal command. Therefore, how much to give is a thoughtful, prayerful decision that only you can make.

Love is generous, love is kind and love is selfless – we see that in all that God gives to us. How will we respond?