

How to Make a Gift

Regular Gifts

- Direct Debit through the Parish Giving Scheme. Contact the Church Office for a PGS gift form. The unique feature of the scheme is the option for donors to commit in principle to increase their gift annually in line with inflation. Whilst this is a voluntary decision, it is one that could potentially have a huge impact on the life and future of the church.
- Standing Order through your bank. Contact the Church Office for a standing order form and send it to your bank. Details for internet banking are on the back of this leaflet.
- Give As You Earn via your employer
- Agencies such as the Charities Aid Foundation or Stewardship Services.

Single Gift

- Direct transfer by BACS (details on reverse of this form)
- Cheque or cash to the church office.

Legacy Giving

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church. A gift in your will to St Andrew's is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support our mission and ministry. If you would like more information on legacy giving please contact our treasurer, Erin.

Other Ways to Give

Stewardship is about the way we give from all of our resources to the work of God. Much of the ministry of our church relies on the time and support of volunteers. From serving on the PCC to helping with youth/children's work, supporting prayer ministry to signing up to the coffee rota, all gifts of time are extremely valuable. If you would like to explore your ministry in this area, please contact the Vicar.

Bank Information

Account Name: The PCC of
St Andrew's Histon
Bank: Unity Trust Bank PLC
Sort Code: 60-83-01
Account: 20311465
Charity No: 1129167

For more information about the Parish Giving Scheme please visit:

www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk

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**Stewardship and Giving at
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What is Stewardship?

As God's children we are called to be responsible with all of the things he has given us—this is often called stewardship. Christians are encouraged to give away a proportion of our time, skills and money to recognise that everything belongs to God and we are merely stewards of all that he has given us. Stewardship is a part of our spirituality and a way of life which means that we seek to use all that we have to continue the mission of sharing the good news of God's kingdom.

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it
Psalm 24.1

Why Give to the Church?

The Church of England receives no money from the government. We are the church and we are entirely dependent on the generosity of each other to sustain the ministry of St Andrew's and develop our mission to the people of our villages and beyond.

Giving to the church is more than monthly budgets. We are called to be responsible for God's creation, and as the parable of the talents (Matthew 25.14–30) tells us, we must be careful to manage this creation in accordance with his mission. The bible shows us that if we are faithful stewards who do God's will, we can expect to be fully rewarded in the life to come:

Well done, good and faithful servant!
You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!

Matthew 25.21

Giving to St Andrew's Church

At St Andrew's we have two aims that we strive to achieve when considering how we use our resources:

Sustaining Ministry

We aim to be a church at the centre of our community. We do this by engaging with all members of our village community; through Sunday worship and weekly activities such as Edge, Essence and Job Club. We are all called to participate in resourcing the church and to bear the burden together, by giving our time and our money to support these ministries.

Developing Mission

We are always striving to fulfil God's mission through the church. At present, we are fulfilling the **engage, grow and deepen** of the Histon Action Plan. This will see us engaging in projects such as Alpha courses and improvements to our buildings and facilities to make them more accessible.

How We Spend Our Money

- Ministry Share (also known as Parish Share). This is given to the Diocese of Ely to pay for clergy stipends, housing and training, as well as central diocesan mission costs. Some money from the ministry share is also put towards parishes who struggle to meet their costs.
- Staff wages
- Youth and children's work
- Upkeep of buildings and facilities
- Missional giving. Each year we give £7000 to causes that are in line with our mission and aims. In recent years we have supported causes such as ICS, the Chaplain at IVC, Blue Smile, Street Pastors and HICOM Mental Wellbeing worker.

What Difference Can I Make?

Each gift to St Andrew's, at any level, makes an impact to the work of the church.

- £15/month could fund an Alpha Course
- £25/month could fund Mosaic Services for a year
- 10 people giving £30/month would pay for the church utility bills for the year
- £150/month could fund children's work for the year
- 15 people giving £450/month would fund our contribution to the ministry share

Revenue from the Saint Andrew's Centre and Café helps to support the work of the church, but each month we still need £12,500 in donations to meet our costs. We currently receive around £11,500 per month in regular giving income.

We encourage everybody to assess their stewardship annually. Some members of our community will be able to give more, others will give less, but the key thing is that we all respond obediently, prayerfully and joyfully to the challenge of stewardship.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9.7