

ST. ANDREW'S
CHURCH
GORLESTON-ON-SEA

Our vision to promote

**EXTRAVAGANT
GENEROSITY**



*A guide to resourcing
the life and mission of the church.*



A look at Extravagant generosity

Becoming a Christian involves making important, life-changing decisions.

You will want to consider your relationships with God, with other Christians and with your neighbours.

You will want to assess your priorities.

You will want to examine your heart to ask questions about your life and behaviour.

You will want to express your thanks for all that God has given you.

You will want to review your attitude towards money, wealth and possessions.

If you believe in the church you will want to see the church well resourced and that involves money.

The vision to promote extravagant generosity is about giving back to God in grateful response to the many gifts God has given to us.

Your giving back to God is varied but typically includes the giving of time, talents, energy and money.

How much should I give?

If you give generously of your money you are showing that you have committed yourself and all that you have to God.

As a Christian you will want to give careful thought and prayer as to how much money you give to the church.

The following list of principles reflects the teaching of the New Testament and will help you to decide on the amount of money you will give:

Give in response to God's generosity.

Give regularly.

Give in proportion to what you have.

Give cheerfully not reluctantly.

Give sacrificially.

Please note:

If you want to think more about giving, the Church of England recommends as useful the material found online at:

www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife

How do I give?

Standing Order

You can give to the church regularly by setting up a Standing Order with your bank. This is the best and most helpful method of regular planned giving.

Envelope Scheme

You can give regularly by joining the Envelope Scheme. Try to set aside your gift even when you are not able to attend a church service.

Gift Aid Declaration

If you are a UK tax payer, please complete a Gift Aid form which enables the church to recover a proportion of your gift.

Legacy Giving

Remember the church in your will. Leaving a legacy to the church in your will is a way of thanking God for his goodness in your life and helps the ongoing life of the church. More details are available. Pick up a leaflet or go online to:

www.churchlegacy.org.uk

Please note:

Our Treasurer is more than happy to offer help and advice on any matters of giving.

Six seasons of generosity

The church has a responsibility to raise money and manage resources. The term often used for this function of the church is “stewardship.”

We must be intentional about funding the life of the church and cultivate a culture of generosity without making people feel guilty or pressured. Each year we will take the following opportunities to make clear why and how you should give to the church:

Season 1: January - February

New beginning: a fresh look at giving.

Season 2: March - April

Promote regular and efficient giving.

Season 3: May - July

Talk about vision, obedience and need.

Season 4: August

Enjoy building relationships.

Season 5: September - October

Increasing your giving?

Season 6: November - December

Focus on the St. Andrew's Gift Day.

From the Bible:

***You will be enriched in every way
for your great generosity ...***

2 Corinthians 9:11

Our Purpose

The church of St. Andrew exists to know Jesus better and to make him better known.

Our Vision

In order to achieve the kind of future we are striving for, our vision is to promote:

- **A**dventurous Mission
- **S**pirit-inspired Worship
- **C**ommunity Engagement
- **E**xtravagant Generosity
- **S**trategic Leadership
- **I**ntentional Discipleship
- **S**upportive Administration
- **F**riendly Hospitality
- **C**aring Relationships

