Stewardship

As people of God, we understand that God has given us everything we have and everything we are as gifts. It is through God's love that we live in this beautiful world, have families and friends, and have heard the Good News in Jesus Christ. God has called us to be stewards of these gifts. God trusts us to care for these gifts and to use them to share his love.

Stewardship is how we spend our TIME, how we spend our financial resources or TREASURE and how we use our TALENTS.

Stewardship is everything I do after I say 'I believe'.

REBUILD MY CHURCH

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HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

We cannot tell you how much you should give. But we do want you to pray about it. Ask God for guidance. If you believe that you should give more to the Church, then here are some suggestions to help you.

1. A Forward Step

You may wish to make a step forward in your giving.

One way to do this is to work out what you give to the Church every week. Multiply that amount by one-tenth. Then add that tenth to what you already give.

For example, if you give $10 per week, then you could move to $11 per week. If you gave $20 per week, then your giving could grow to $22 per week.

2. A Step of Faith

A tithe - a gift of 10 percent of your income - still remains the ideal for which a Christian should aim.

Not everybody will be able to make this commitment. However, a forward step, or a step of faith, can become a way of moving towards this ideal. You may want to start off by giving 3% of your income and next year give 4 or 5 %.

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Weekly Giving Guide
Approx Weekly Giving by % of income

Annual Income	10%	5%	3%
20,000	$ 40	$ 20	$ 12
30,000	$ 60	$ 30	$ 18
40,000	$ 80	$ 40	$ 24
50,000	$ 100	$ 50	$ 30
60,000	$ 120	$ 60	$ 36

GIVING WEEKLY

We are Christians <u>all the time</u>, not just when we go to Church or on Sundays. It is important to help your Church by give weekly and not just when you attend.
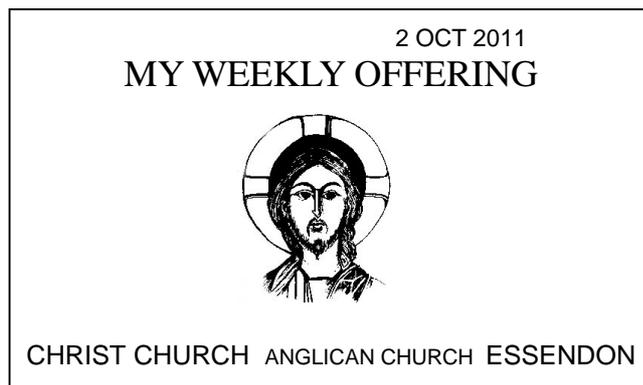

GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS

A parish priest told the church members, "I've some good news, and some bad news.
The good news is that the church has all the money it needs for its mission and ministry ...
The bad news is that it's all still in your wallets ..."

GIVING OPTIONS

1   ENVELOPES

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MY WEEKLY OFFERING

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN CHURCH ESSENDON

The new parish envelopes have no numbers on them only a date to make it easier to keep track of your giving. It is about you making a free will offering without others knowing how much. It is between you and God only.

Envelopes are available to help you give weekly. Please use them ALL even if you miss a Sunday or two.

Why should I use envelopes?

Using an envelope benefits both you and the Parish.

1.   It helps us to make a conscious decision about what we are going to contribute.
2.   Its use communicates to others that giving to the Church is a priority for you.
3.   It makes the ongoing Stewardship activity easier for both the parish and for you.
4.   It is an expression of giving of ourselves in the offering of the Eucharist.

Grab a box of envelopes in the Narthex.

2   ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS

The Anglican Development Fund (ADF) is excited to offer Melbourne Anglicans a way of giving to their Church that combines today's banking methods with a great tradition of a weekly offering. Auto ADF electronically transfers funds from either your bank account or credit card to your Church. You decide how much and how often. There is no need to go to your bank or write a cheque. Auto ADF makes giving convenient.

See your Parish Priest or the treasurer to discuss this option and to obtain the appropriate form to fill in and help to fill it in.