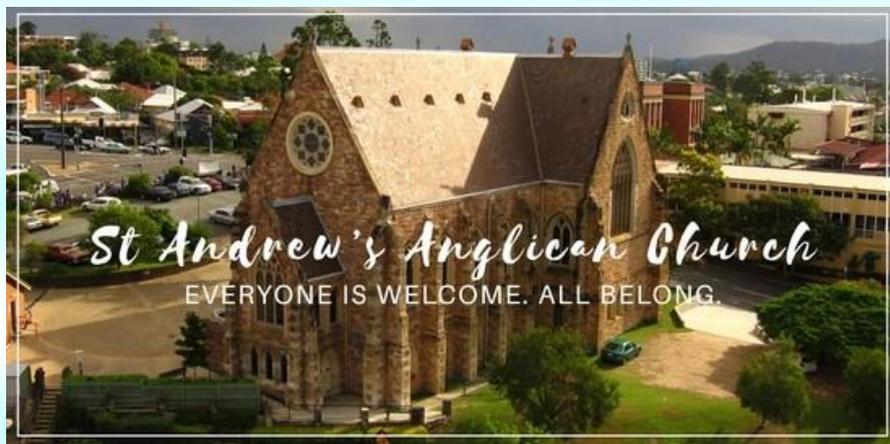


Giving

**A handbook
on giving at St Andrew's**



Generosity

Your generosity helps to build the Church and make a difference in the lives of people. Together we can make a difference in our families, our local community and further afield.

The strength of St Andrews is found in the generosity and commitment of its members who serve as volunteers and through those who financially support the church and its ministries.

Christians are to be generous, just as the God we serve is generous.

God isn't generous based on what He gets back from those He's generous with. He doesn't give based on rewards or returns; He gives regardless!

James 1:5 says, "God gives generously to all without partiality."

Matthew 5:45 says, "God makes the sun rise and the rain fall on the just and the unjust, the good and the bad, those who deserve it and those who don't."

God is simply generous with everybody and Jesus told a parable after a parable where God is depicted as an employer who paid people more than they deserved for their work because He's generous.

How do you explain the story of the prodigal son? The father gives half his entire wealth to a son who then goes and blows it on party after party after party, and when the son comes home, what does the father do? Throws the kid a party!

When you chase after God, when you pursue God with your life, you become more like Him, and there's no better way to be like Him than to be generous.

We are made in the image of God. We're not God, but we were meant to resemble Him, to reflect Him, to be like Him, and we're never more like God than when we're generous without expectation of return.

GOD IS GENEROUS

Generosity is our natural state, and it's only because we live in a world marred by sin that generosity doesn't seem natural and self-centeredness does.

God is saying, "Be generous with others for one main reason: because I have been generous with you."

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).

God wants the generosity of His people to be a reflection of our salvation.

So, we give to reflect who God is and what He has done in our lives.

This isn't about giving more money and time, this is about giving in a different way, for a different reason, with a different motivation.

We were in need. We were without. And God gave. Generously.

The kingdom of God is a kingdom of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.

And that kingdom is a kingdom of generosity because it's king is generous.

Our king is generous without partiality. Our king is generous to people who are going to respond and to people who will not respond.

Our King is generous with the grateful and the wicked alike, and our King has been generous with us. That's our king!

And this is our time to be like our King. As a church and as followers of Jesus, we have the chance to shine and be generous like our King!

Ways you can give!

Online

On our website, there is a GIVE button at the top right of every page. You can give from your credit or debit card and even set up recurring giving.

APP

Download the Tithely App for Apple or Android devices for one off or regular giving using the link on our website.

Direct Debit

Download the direct debit form from our website. Please fill out and either give it to the church office or mail it direct to Anfin, Reply Paid 421, Brisbane Queensland 4001

Direct Deposit

St Andrew's Church: BSB 704 901 Account Number 00000920 (Reference: Use your name and tell us how you want to allocate the money eg Church or CMS 25 BCA 25 Church 50) Use direct deposit to give once or set up recurring donations.

Sunday Services

At each of our services there is the opportunity to give your tithes and offerings. Giving envelopes are available which are dated for each Sunday of the year.

Post

You can post a gift to St Andrew's Church, 160 Vulture St, South Brisbane 4101.

BEQUESTS

Remember St Andrew's in your will.

Why is it important to have a will?

Preparing a Will is not simply a matter of being organised and ensuring that your worldly assets are distributed according to your wishes. It is the responsibility of every person aged over 18, regardless of the amount of assets. Preparing a Will gives you the opportunity to give your assets to the people and causes you care about most.

What if you do not have a will?

People who pass away intestate (without leaving a valid Will) can cause unintentional emotional and financial hardship for those they leave behind. When you die intestate, your estate is distributed according to the complex laws of intestacy, regardless of how well known your intentions were.

Your assets may not be distributed to those you wish, depriving loved ones of their rightful inheritance. Your assets represent a lifetime of work and achievement. Why leave their distribution to chance when you can give voice to your wishes through a Will?

How do you protect your wishes?

A valid Will is a legally enforceable document and nominates how your assets will be distributed. Your assets include everything you own, such as property, vehicles, savings, investments, shares, superannuation, personal items, jewellery, art and so on.

To be legally enforceable (valid), a Will must be made in writing. It must be clearly signed, and it must be witnessed by at least two independent adults during your signing of the Will.

Your Will is one of the most important documents you will ever sign. If you do not have a current Will, you should consult a solicitor or the Public Trust office. Keep your Will in a safe place, preferably in the hands of your legal representative or bank manager.

Review your Will if your circumstances change through death of a beneficiary, marriage, divorce, or a change in financial assets.

Who will benefit from your will?

Making a Will can be enormously satisfying. It provides a rare opportunity to objectively assess your life and to review your relationships. Deciding who will benefit from your Will is deeply personal. For most people, the first priority is to provide for the immediate needs and future security of family, relatives and others who have been close during their lifetime. The balance of the estate after these intentions have been met is referred to as the residual. Many generous people look to this residue of the estate to provide a gift to religious or charitable causes they support. Others leave a specific amount, percentage or item from their estate. These gifts are known as bequests. This unique type of giving provides a practical avenue through which people can make a lasting impact.

Please put St Andrew's in your will

I give and bequeath the sum of \$..... (or the rest and residue of my estate) to The Corporation of The Synod of The Diocese of Brisbane for the general charitable and religious purposes of the parish of St Andrew's South Brisbane, and the receipt of the Diocesan General Manager shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor or trustee.”

If you need more information about how to leave a bequest, please contact the church office. Bequests are personal matters and we respect your privacy. If you do choose to make a bequest to St Andrew's, you are not obliged to let us know the details of your planned legacy, but we do encourage you to do so. Knowing of your intentions enables us to thank you in person and to discuss with you how we might invest your intended gift in a way that matches your values and honours your wishes.

You can make a real difference to the good work of St Andrew's by making a Will and choosing to leave a bequest which will be a lasting symbol of your generosity.

All money given to St Andrew's will be used for the growth of God's Kingdom (staffing, ministry activities, property, and/or anything else that we believe will advance the cause of the gospel).

Thank you