



GOOD SHEPHERD
ANGLICAN CHURCH

INVESTING IN GOD'S HARVEST

GUIDELINES FOR GIVING





PRINCIPLES FOR GIVING

The gospel tells us God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son for us. Our giving is a grateful response to the overwhelming generosity of God (2 Corinthians 8:9).

As God's people at Good Shepherd, we are partners in the task of sharing the gospel. This partnership is expressed through our prayers and our active involvement including our financial support (Philippians 1:3-7).

We have an obligation to provide for those who labour among us and teach us God's word (1 Cor 9). We also have obligation to provide for the needy (James 2).

HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

In the Old Testament God's people were asked to give a tenth of their produce in response to God's generous blessings on them. The New Testament does not stipulate percentages but challenges us with the principles of generosity, partnership, obligation and love.

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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 9:6-7).

A tenth is a good starting point when we consider how much we should give. The fundamental question to ponder is: how should I respond to the overwhelming generosity of God?

As an example, someone whose income is \$50,000 pa and has prayerfully decided to set aside 10% will end up giving \$5000 annually. This works out at \$420 per month, or \$96 per week. Because our incomes change each year we should get into the habit of reviewing our giving every year.



TO WHOM SHOULD I GIVE?

In the Old Testament the Israelite tithes were directed to those who needed it most - the priests and Levites (who had no other source of income), the poor and needy and for the upkeep of the temple. We see a similar pattern in the New Testament:

The one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor...Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Gal 6:6-10)

As members of Good Shepherd we share a mission to help all people know, love and live for Jesus. The financial support for this exciting mission (including staff pay and the upkeep of facilities for the mission) comes solely from our members.

As such, it's reasonable that a good proportion of members giving should go towards this ministry.

While most Good Shepherd income is directed towards ministry at our church, we give at least 10% to support other mission work in our Diocese, in Australia and around the world.

*'...See that you also excel
in this grace of giving'*

2 Corinthians 8:7



HOW CAN I GIVE?

The Good Shepherd operates an account with the Anglican Investment & Development Fund (AIDF).

Account Name: Church of the Good Shepherd

BSB: 702 389

Account Number: 0520 1277

Bank Name: Anglican Investment & Development Fund
(might be identified as 'Indue Ltd'.)

We recommend the following methods to help you give regularly and to help us budget more effectively.

PERIODICAL DIRECT PAYMENT

Direct your bank to make regular payments from your account to our church account.

PAYROLL DEDUCTION

Request your employer to make regular payments to the church from your pay.

TAP'nPAY OR CASH

This can be done at Good Shepherd

ADDITIONAL GIVING

A lasting contribution to God's work at the Good Shepherd can be made by leaving a bequest in your will (please talk to your solicitor).