

HOW CAN YOU GIVE?

Regular Giving

Regular giving helps us to plan with more certainty and achieve our strategic ministry goals more effectively. We ask everyone in our community to consider whether you are in a position to give on a regular basis.

- **EFT:** The best way to give is via Electronic Funds Transfer (account details are on the back page)
- **EFT Contact Point:** Tap machine available at the back of the church
- **Cash and cheques:** Please drop them in the black offertory boxes in the church

Occasional Giving

Providing occasional gifts is also greatly appreciated as this helps us to fill the gap between our regular giving income and expenditure amounts. These gifts enable us to support specific projects such as the conservation of our heritage buildings and maintenance of the Létourneau organ. Additionally, we financially support our Mission Partners (people and organisations working for the gospel). During the year we also have special campaigns and mission projects. Please consider how you might give to those.

Bequests

Bequests are amounts set aside in your will for St Mark's to use prayerfully and thoughtfully to support the needs and opportunities at that time. They can also be used for specific purposes. We are grateful for any bequests as they make a real difference. For example, the Carson Bequest provides monies each year to pay for major renovations. This enables other donated funds to be directed towards other valuable ministries.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

To donate online or for more details, visit stmarksdp.org/giving/

Regular and occasional giving¹

These gifts are greatly appreciated as they enable us to support important practical ministries which are essential to the overall running of St Mark's.

Bank details

Account Name St Mark's Church Darling Point

BSB 032 054

Account Number 250036

Ref Your name

¹ These gifts are not tax deductible.

Heritage building conservation and organ maintenance giving²

St Mark's currently has two tax deductible funds for making gifts for the conservation of our heritage buildings and the maintenance of our organ. To commence regular giving to these funds, please contact the Treasurer via treasurer@stmarksdp.org

² These gifts are tax deductible.

Receipts

Please email the church office at office@stmarksdp.org if you would like a receipt for your donation.

**We thank you for your
partnership in the gospel and
for considering how you could
give financially to St Mark's.**



ST MARK'S

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FINANCES EXPLAINED 2021

**TRANSFORMED BY GRACE
TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER,
SERVE THE CITY,
AND SHARE CHRIST**

Our vision at St Mark's is to see our church and community transformed by God's grace through Jesus Christ. We invite you to partner with us.

As a church community, we are called to resource this vision.

This leaflet is designed to inform you about our finances and about how you can share in the ministry of St Mark's through your financial giving. We recognise these gifts are in addition to other ways people 'give' such as prayer, time and acts of service and love.

If you are not already giving regularly, we encourage you to join with us, so that together we can be as effective as possible in the work God has entrusted to us.

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WHY SHOULD WE GIVE?

At St Mark's we recognise that everything we have belongs to God and has been entrusted to us as resources to be used for his purposes and glory.

1. God gives generously to us. God is our generous father, and everything good we have comes from him. Most significantly, God gave himself for us: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" (John 3:16). We give because God gave first.

2. It's how we worship God. According to the Bible, when we give generously, it is "a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18). We cannot worship both God and money.

3. To be spiritually enriched. We do not give money hoping that God will give us more money in return. Rather, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35), because it cultivates a generous heart.

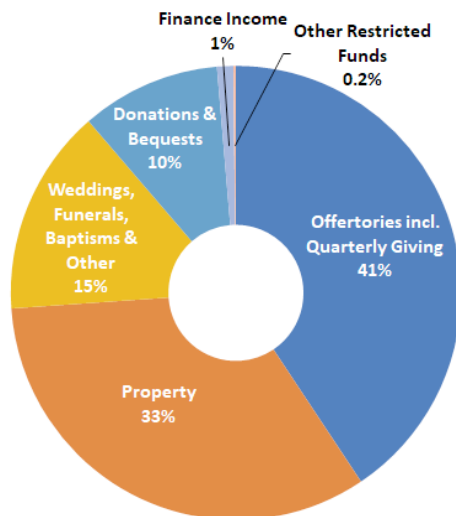
4. To enable ministry. As Paul preached the gospel and raised up others to do ministry among the churches, he was supported by those churches (Philippians 4:15–16). By financially giving to gospel work, we can free up more people to multiply ministry and do God's work.

HOW SHOULD WE GIVE?

Giving should be regular (1 Corinthians 16:1–2) and proportional to our income. In the Old Testament, God's people were called to give a tenth of all they had. Now, we are called to sacrificial generosity, according to our ability (Luke 21:1–4). We are also called to give with a humble spirit Matthew (6:1–4).

WHERE DOES OUR MONEY COME FROM?

Funding for all our ministries comes primarily from our church community. We also have revenue from property rental and church activities. This is how we fund all our staff, resources, equipment, and repairs. Typical revenue comes from the following sources:



WHO IS IN CHARGE OF OUR FINANCES?

The church finances are the responsibility of the Wardens and the Treasurer (treasurer@stmarksdp.org). A monthly financial report is presented to Parish Council and audit-reviewed financial statements are presented to church members once a year. We seek to be transparent in our finances. Any church member can ask the Treasurer, or any Warden, or Parish Councillor any question with regard to St Mark's financial position.

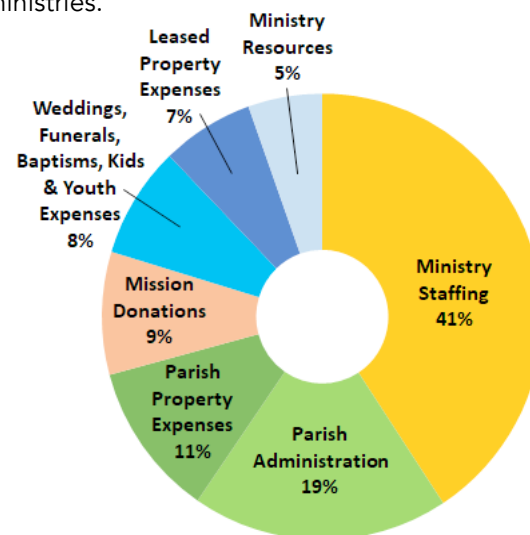
"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." Psalm 24:1

WHAT DO WE SPEND OUR MONEY ON?

We spend our money in line with our vision, investing in God's kingdom both at St Mark's and elsewhere. In particular, we long to see the next generation won for Christ. Under God, we have grown in weekly attendance by 52% in seven years.

Ministry and parish administration salaries comprise about 60% of total expenditure. Our ministry staff serve the congregation and the wider community. They commend the good news, teach the Bible faithfully, and raise up and equip others to serve. They do this on Sundays and during the week and minister to youth and children, families, single people, and older people, and also serve those in need. They are supported by our administrative and music staff.

We also maintain St Mark's properties which includes the church building, our two halls, two properties for staff, and two other rental properties. The remainder of our income is spent on equipment, utilities, administration expenses, and resourcing our various ministries.



"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9