



Supporting  
Gospel Ministry  
at St Jude's  
and Beyond



Supporting Gospel Ministry financially is one of the great joys of the Christian life – whether it is supporting your local church, giving in partnership with a missionary on the field, or supporting someone less fortunate than yourself. It is both a joy and a privilege.

This brochure is designed to help you think through a number of issues related to giving at St Jude's and beyond, specifically the following questions:

- > Why should I give?
- > How much should I give?
- > To whom should I give?
- > How does St Jude's spend its money?
- > How can I give?

# why

**Giving to support the work of God in the world is part of the biblical story in both Old and New Testaments.**

In the Old Testament there were laws that governed the practice of giving. Each person was encouraged to give a tenth of their wealth, while each of 11 tribes would give one tenth of their income to support the work of the 12th tribe (the Levites, in their ministry of the temple) and for the poor (widows and orphans). This giving was seen as a joyful response to God's generous blessing of his people.

The New Testament has a different way of thinking about giving. It operates from the same principles of joyful response to God's generosity, especially in giving us his Son to die for us (2 Cor 8:9), but does not set a percentage that people should give. Rather, believers are simply encouraged to be generous towards God, and give to support gospel workers and the poor.

Here is a little of what the Apostle Paul had to say:

*On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come.*

**(1 Corinthians 16:2)**

*The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.*

**(2 Corinthians 9:6-8)**

**In fact, Jesus said that what we do with our money is a reflection of the state of our heart (Matt 6:21). Giving money away grows our godly character as we depend on God for all our needs. It also helps us to avoid sins of greed, idolatry and selfishness. These are all good reasons to give.**

# should I give?

# how should I give? *much*

People often want to know the answer to this question. Often the church has answered with the Old Testament idea of 10% or a tithe of income. This is perhaps not the best answer - or even the best question.

A better question is "How much should I hold back?" You see, everything we have is God's, and rightfully his, and our response should be one of thankful generosity. For some people, giving 10% will be incredibly generous, and for others not generous at all.

**Giving away our money is actually an expression of faith. We trust God, not just to deal with our sins, but in all areas of our life - even to look after us financially.**

How much to give is a very personal decision, but the order of things is important. The biblical principle of giving the "first fruits" is the idea that we give to God before we've put any away for ourselves, thus making us more dependent on God .

We want to encourage people at St Jude's to give generously. If you have a great capacity to earn, then you also have a great capacity to give. (See 2 Cor 8:10-15). We are among the wealthiest people in the world, and so we have great collective capacity to give.

**The New Testament teaches that we should give to support Christian ministry.**

*Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.*

**Galatians 6:6**

*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in preaching and teaching; for the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and, "The labourer deserves to be paid."*

**1 Timothy 5:17-18**

And we should also support the poor and the needy with our gifts.

There are many ways you can do this:

- > Giving to support Christian work here at St Jude's – both locally and across the globe
- > Supporting a Missionary directly through an agency
- > Supporting a para-church ministry like AFES (tertiary student work) or Access Ministries (high school chaplaincy)
- > Giving to an aid organisation like Opportunity International or TEAR

**Usually people like to support a variety of ministries and causes, but it is clearly a matter of freedom.**

to ***whom*** should I give?

# how does St Jude's spend its money?

It important to note the following:

- > **the ministry at St Jude's is entirely dependent on the giving of its members**
- > **we have no other significant sources of income**
- > **we receive no money from the Diocese of Melbourne**

St Jude's spends most of the money we receive on supporting the staff team here. Their role is to equip our members for ministry – that's you! We employ teachers, preachers, pastoral care coordinators and evangelists, who do a lot to make the ministry of our church happen. We provide each of them with a living including a stipend (allowance) and housing.

A small amount of money is spent on resources for our ministry, and some on the upkeep of our buildings.

St Jude's gives away 5% of our giving income to Global Mission support – supporting people who have gone out from St Jude's to serve around the world. In the next five years we are also seeking to raise our giving to help the global poor to 5% as well.

St Jude's supports the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne each year with a substantial contribution.

**Each year in November the Vestry (our church council) provides an audited report of how we have spent our money in the previous year. You are encouraged to read this report and ask questions about it.**

# how can I give?

There are five main ways of organising your giving at St Jude's:

## **Electronic Transfer**

You can set up a regular funds transfer from your bank to St Jude's bank account. It can be done in a bank branch, on-line or over the phone. You will need to know the St Jude's Banking details:

**Account Name:**

St Jude's Anglican Church

**Bank:**

ANZ

**BSB:**

013-259

**Account No:**

2988 13214

To assist St Jude's in tracking giving from our various congregations, please list the congregation which you attend in your transfer reference, eg, "Offering S@5".

## **Direct Debit**

This is where you instruct the Anglican Development Fund (ADF) (which functions like an Anglican Bank) to debit your account for a certain amount of money periodically and to direct it to the St Jude's bank account at no extra cost to you or to St Jude's. Use Form 1 in the pages following, and place it in the offering bag or forward it to the Church Administrator.

## **Credit Card Giving**

Fill in your credit card details on Form 1 to instruct the ADF to regularly process a credit card transaction for an agreed amount. There is no cost to you or to St Jude's for this service. Place the form in the offering bag or forward it to the Church Administrator.

## **Envelopes**

On the information table at church, there are envelopes dated for each Sunday of the year. These can be used to organise your giving on a regular basis.

## **Bags**

Each Sunday in the service, we collect Communication Cards via the bags which are passed around. You can give directly by cash or cheque into these bags.

**The key to all of these is to plan to give beforehand, and to be regular in your giving, even when you are not at church. We have a responsibility to support the ministry here every week of the year.**

## **Tax-deductible giving**

If you wish to receive tax benefits from your giving there are two options:

### **Estates Ministry**

You can direct giving to support our ministry on the Carlton Housing Estates, to a tax-deductible fund with the Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society Inc. (MABSI) who will provide a tax receipt. Use Form Two for this.

### **St Jude's National Trust Fund**

Donations made to the National Trust assist with work on approved building projects, the stained glass windows and the church organ.

**Tax-deductible donations can be mailed direct to the agency which processes them, or included in the offering as cheques or credit card slips using the appropriate forms.**

# *further* information

## **Confidentiality**

Your privacy is respected. Financial information is collected only for the purpose of managing the tax-deductible funds and church finances. Credit card information is kept in a secure location.

## **Further Information**

Further information about supporting the gospel ministry at St Jude's can be obtained from our office, or from the Finance Warden, whose details can be obtained from the Office (phone: 9347 5152).

# Direct Debit and Credit Card Giving through the ADF



## Authorisation Agreement

I request that the Anglican Development Fund (Diocese of Melbourne) User ID 187736 transfer the amount of

\$ .....

from my Credit Card / Bank account nominated below, to St Jude's Anglican Church

Every  week  fortnight  month

other .....

Commencement Date:

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## Contact Details

Full name:

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Address:

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Phone:

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## Please complete details for one of:

### Credit Card Information

Name on Card:

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Credit Card Number:

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Expiry Date:

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Card Type:  MasterCard  Visa

Signature of Cardholder:

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Date:

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### Bank Account Information:

Account Name:

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Bank Name & Branch:

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BSB:

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Account No:

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Signature/s:

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Date:

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## **Electronic Transfer Request Service Agreement**

### **Our commitment to you**

This document outlines our service commitment to you, in respect of the Electronic Transfer Request arrangements made between Anglican Development Fund (Diocese of Melbourne) ABN 79 866 748 591 (User ID 187736) and you. It sets out your rights, our commitment to you and your responsibilities to us together with where you should go for assistance.

### **Terms of the Arrangement**

In terms of the Electronic Transfer Request arrangement made between us and signed by you, we undertake to debit your nominated account with the agreed amount in accordance with the Authorisation Agreement.

### **Enquiries**

Direct enquiries to the ADF, rather than to your financial institution. Please phone Sue or Julie on (03) 9653 4220 or email [adf@anglicanfunds.com.au](mailto:adf@anglicanfunds.com.au)

### **Disputes**

If you believe that a drawing has been initiated incorrectly, we encourage you to take the matter up directly with us by contacting us by telephone on (03) 9653 4220, during business hours. You will receive a refund of the drawing amount if we cannot substantiate the reason for the drawing.

### **Your commitment to us**

It is your responsibility to ensure that:

- your nominated account can accept electronic transfers (your financial institution can confirm this); and
- that on the drawing date there is sufficient cleared funds in the nominated account; and
- that you advise us if the nominated account is transferred or closed

If your drawing is returned or dishonored by your financial institution, we will contact you and depending upon your response, may need to cancel this arrangement. Appropriate action will be taken to recover any transaction fees payable by us in respect of the foregoing.

# **Tax-deductible Giving to Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society for Estates Ministry**

**Mail to:**

Mr Frank Thornton  
MABSI, The Anglican Centre  
209 Flinders Lane  
Melbourne 3000

**or:**

The Church Administrator  
235 Palmerston Street  
Carlton 3053

Please notify MABSI and the St Jude's Church Administrator of the amount of your donation as well as your name and address for the tax receipt.

**e:** foundation@melbourne.anglican.com.au  
**cc:** tfrost@stjudes.org.au

## **Donation by Cheque or Cash**

I wish to make a gift of

\$ .....  
to Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society Inc.  
for St Jude's Estates Ministry.

I understand that my donation is tax deductible as it will be used only for St Jude's Estates Ministry. Please send a receipt to:

**Name:**

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**Address:**

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**Date:**

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Make cheque payable to:  
**Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society Inc.**

## **Credit Card Donation**

**Cardholder Name:**

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**Credit Card Number:**

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**Expiry Date:**

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**Card Type:**  MasterCard  Visa

**Signature of Cardholder:**

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**Date:**

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I understand that the donation will be tax-deductible as it used only for St Jude's Estates Ministry. Please send receipt to:

**Name:**

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**Address:**

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## **Donation by Direct Transfer**

**Account Name:**

Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society Inc

**Bank:**

Westpac

**BSB:**

033-009

**Account Number:**

102645

**Reference:**

St Jude's Parish Project

# Tax-deductible Giving to The National Trust (St Jude’s Carlton Appeal)

**Mail to:**

The Appeals Director  
National Trust of Australia  
Tasma Terrace  
4 Parliament Place East  
Melbourne 3002

## Credit Card Donation

I wish to make a donation to The National Trust of Australia (Vic) for the St Jude’s Carlton Appeal

I’d like to make a one-off contribution of:

\$ .....

I’d like to make a regular contribution of:

\$ ..... per month

**Cardholder Name:**

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**Credit Card Number:**

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**Expiry Date:**

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**Card Type:**  MasterCard  Visa

**Signature of Cardholder:**

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**Date:**

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I understand that the donation will be tax-deductible as it used only for St Jude’s Estates Ministry. Please send receipt to:

**Name:**

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**Address:**

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## Donation by Cheque or Cash

I wish to make a gift of

\$ .....

to The National Trust of Australia (Vic) for **St Jude’s Carlton Appeal**. I understand that my donation is tax deductible as it will be used only for St Jude’s Carlton Appeal. Please send a receipt to:

**Name:**

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**Address:**

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**Date:**

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Make cheque payable to:

**The National Trust of Australia (Vic)**

You can send the cheque (with this form attached) directly to the National Trust or to the St Jude’s office (c/o Tusi Frost, Church Administrator), or place in the offering plates.

## Donation by Direct Transfer

Contact the Appeals Director at The National Trust for further details.  
9656 9800 / info@nattrust.com.au