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| **How is the money spent?**  It costs us around **£2,000 per week** to keep St Andrew’s functioning. That is about £20 for each person on our Electoral Roll (132 people at present). Full details of our annual budget can be provided by our Treasurer Wendy Godwin. The diagram below shows how the money is used:  **TOTAL BUDGET £100,000**  **Ministry costs** include housing, pension and Head Office support  **Our giving to Charities** (including Special Collections) is excluded from this chart  In the future we would like to employ a Children and Family Worker.  **Where does the money come from?**  Our income comes from two main sources: our members provide nearly 50% through the Planned Giving Scheme (often referred to as ‘Stewardship’); our Hall rentals account for a further 40%. (The rest is made up from collections, donations and other fund-raising)  C:\Users\keithnicholls\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZGZLS89F\MP900411828[1].jpg.  **How can I help?**  Regular giving is essential if we are to plan for the future development of  St Andrew’s. Each of us needs to pray about our appropriate level of giving. The New Testament talks of giving a percentage of income (I Cor 16 v2). Many Christians find 10% a useful guide, but everyone’s circumstances are different. St Paul teaches (2 Cor 9 vs 7 – 9) that the motivation and standard of giving should be Jesus - and his generosity to us.      **St Andrew’s Roxbourne** |  | **Methods of giving**  **Planned Giving Scheme (‘Stewardship’)**  All Church members are encouraged to join Stewardship. This means agreeing to pay a certain sum each week or month. (Obviously if circumstances change the amount may need to be altered). As with any organisation (including our own families!) making a regular commitment enables St Andrew’s to plan its activities efficiently. There are two methods of regular payment:  *Bank Standing Order*  The personal advantages are that you will not have to deal with notes and coins, and you cannot forget to make the payment! The advantages to  St Andrew’s are that administration is kept to a minimum, and we do not have to cope with handling and banking large sums of cash.    *Envelopes*  We can supply individually dated envelopes for each week or month. This helps you (and us) keep track of payments. The envelope is put in the collection bag each week.  Only one member of the Church (the Stewardship Recorder) knows your level of giving.  **Gift Aid**  C:\Users\keithnicholls\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZGZLS89F\MM900365260[1].gifIf you are a British tax payer you can sign a Gift Aid declaration which enables us to recover the tax paid on your giving, at no cost to yourself. Last year this was worth £7000 to us. However, you must have paid tax that is at least equal to the amount of tax that *all charities that you donate to*, will reclaim on your gifts in that tax year    **Occasional Gifts**  Sometimes there may be an occasion when you would like to thank God for a special blessing in your life. This can be done using one of the special envelopes in the pew (or available from a Sidesperson). If you complete all the details (and you are a taxpayer see above) we will be able to claim the Gift Aid.  **Collection in a Service**  If regular giving is just not possible or appropriate we will of course value your gift received in the collection bag. |
| **Time and Talents**  If you would like to offer your time and talents to St Andrew’s we are always looking for help with our various activities. Keep a look out in Starlink and on the notice board, or speak to Lyndon or one of the Churchwardens.  C:\Users\keithnicholls\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\YSOVC2XE\MC900186190[1].wmf**Legacies**  For the longer term do consider if you are able to leave a gift to the Church in your will. Our Legacy Officer (John Gillard) can explain the procedure. (It is a relatively simple process; it does not usually require re-writing your will).  **What should I do now?**  Please pray about what your response will be and then act on it  .  You can get advice (and the necessary forms) from our Stewardship Recorder, Peter Dowse (0208 864 0892)  If you need to discuss any aspect of giving to St Andrews Lyndon is available to provide confidential advice  C:\Users\keithnicholls\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\YSOVC2XE\MC900332982[1].wmf  **Thank you for reading this leaflet**  If you would like to contribute to God’s work through St Andrew’s please complete your details below and hand it to one of the Sidespersons   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Name |  | | Address |  | | tel number | email |   *“Just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you excel in this grace of giving” (2 Cor 8 v7)*  St Andrew’s Church Roxbourne  Malvern Avenue Harrow HA2 9ER  Registered Charity Number 1131727 | **Giving for growth** | **Summary**  C:\Users\keithnicholls\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZGZLS89F\MC900212783[1].wmfGiving our money, time and skills is an essential part of our Christian faith. We give in response to what Jesus has given us - forgiveness and eternal life - through His death on the Cross. Our giving will reflect our determination to give with such generosity that our Church can be living proof of God’s generosity to us. Our worship, our outreach, our ministry to those in need will be blessed more by God as we become faithful givers.  We do not have huge reserves or any source of external income. The money we need is given almost entirely by the Congregation of St Andrew’s.  The annual cost of maintaining St Andrew’s - as it is now - is over £100,000. With our plans to develop our ministry in the Community we will need more  .  This leaflet sets out information about our current expenditure and the methods available for giving through our planned giving scheme, Gift Aid, one off donations and legacies. |