

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

Obviously, it is not just a case of everyone giving an extra £2 per week – that would be UNFAIR.

Why? Because some of us couldn't manage an extra £2 while others could manage a lot more.

The scriptures teach the principle of **proportionate giving** – giving a percentage of our income: so much for each £1 of our disposable income (i.e. after deducting tax).

Is it time to give in proportion to what we receive?

Weekly income	Giving 1% £	2% £	5% £	10% £
£100	1.00	2.00	5.00	10.00
£150	1.50	3.00	7.50	15.00
£250	2.50	5.00	12.50	25.00
£480	4.80	9.60	24.00	48.00

## STEPS TO TAKE

- **REVIEW** our giving. How much do we give now as a percentage of our income? Can we increase it by 1p or 2p in the £... or more?
- **JOIN** the Planned Giving Scheme and take a set of envelopes or agree to pay by Standing Order on a regular basis whether we are in church or not.
- **LET** St Andrew's recover the tax. If we pay income tax, the Inland Revenue will refund to the church the tax we have already paid:

**28p** for each **£1** we give  
(at no extra cost to ourselves)

## WHAT WE GIVE

... is a matter between **US** and **GOD**.

What He expects is that each of us should shoulder responsibility as a member of the church family at St Andrew's, to the best of our ability.

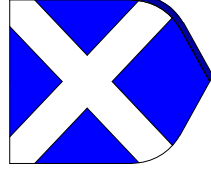
## TO SUM UP

1. We have a challenge – we need at least an extra £227 each week to fully meet our expected costs in 2010.
2. The fellowship at St Andrew's has a fine past. It should also have an exciting future.
3. As members of this fellowship, we have to decide whether we are simply going to make ends meet, or whether we are going to set our church on a firm basis for the future.
4. The matter is in our hands. Let us consider carefully and prayerfully what our response should be.
5. We are asked to make our response by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010, bearing in mind that as members of the family of St Andrew's...

## THE RESPONSIBILITY IS OURS

*“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind – not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”*

2 Cor 9:7



**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH**

**FERRING**

**What does our church cost each week to run?**

**£750?**

**£1325?**

**£1633?**

**Have a guess before you turn the page!**

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT

To meet the full requirements of the Diocese and to keep our buildings in good order will cost £1633 per week in 2010.

## HOW COME?

Our share to the Diocese	£1115
Premises – Church/Hall	£ 300
Including insurance, heating, lighting etc.	
Worship and Ministry costs	£ 74
Repairs and maintenance	£ 104
General Expenses	£ 40
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	<b>£1633</b>

## BUT OUR EXPECTED INCOME WILL BE

Planned Giving	£ 491
Tax Recovered	£ 180
Other Giving	£ 322
Other Income	£ 413
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	<b>£1406</b>

## SO WE HAVE A CHALLENGE

We need to find an extra £227 per week simply to break even in 2010.

**BUT . . . what is all this money we pay to the Diocese?**

## TARGET - £58,000!

Of the £58,000 that we would like to find this year for our Parish Share, £40,500 will come back to Ferring directly. £22,600 is the Clergy Stipend and the rest represents pension contributions, national insurance, housing, continuing clergy training and ministerial support.

At Diocesan level, part of our contribution goes to pay for Mission, Children's Work, Adult Education, training new clergy, and the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Less than 5% goes to run the national church and the church parliament (General Synod).

The cost of our bishops is not met by our Parish Share but by the Church Commissioners in London.

*“This ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but overflows with many thanksgivings to God.”*

2 Cor 9:12

## BACK TO THE CHALLENGE

To break even we need an extra £227 per week

That's an average of £ 1.42 per member.

BUT we need to do more than that.

We need to put ourselves on a firm financial basis for the future.

It's down to us – you and me.

**To put ourselves right for the future will cost an average of an extra £2 per person per week**

## PRESENT PATTERNS OF GIVING

We have 160 people in membership and a further 40 closely associated.

That is a total of 200 individuals.

Of these, 85 give regularly through envelopes, standing orders or cheques.

No. of givers	Amount per week	Total per week
52	Between £1 & £5	£140
20	Between £5.01 & £10	£145
9	Between £10.01 & £20	£109
4	Between £20.01 & £30	£ 97
<b>85</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£491</b>

At each service our loose offerings make a valuable contribution, but these vary from week to week and make forward planning difficult.

Many people only give when they come to a service, yet the cost of running our church is the same whether we are there or not.

**Giving to God's work through the Church should be a priority.**