



**St. Andrew's Church**  
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Dear Friend

It hardly seems possible that it is over a year since I joined the fellowship at St. Andrew's – but what a year it has been! I have been made wonderfully welcome, the fellowship has increased in number and commitment and God has truly blessed us.

So why am I writing to you? I am doing the “unforgivable” and mentioning money! (“Oh, no!” I hear you cry as you try to hide behind a pillar!). Many of you will be very aware that in recent years St Andrew's had been unable to meet the monetary requirements of the Diocese to fund a full-time Vicar. I am delighted to say that things have improved greatly over the last two years BUT we are still not in a position to promise the full amount that the diocese has asked for in 2010. The enclosed leaflet will tell you more.

At this age, when the diocese must cut back on Stipendiary Clergy, this will hopefully make the position of Vicar at St Andrew's as secure as possible. Currently, of course, I am simply Priest in Charge. When we prove ourselves to be on a firm financial footing, we can then hope that I will be made officially ‘Vicar’.

We are a church with a bright future and would like to be able to plan to increase God's work both locally and further afield. Financial security would release us to do just that. Please give the enclosed leaflet careful and prayerful consideration. Also plan to come to our service on 25<sup>th</sup> April with your response. If you are already giving as much as you can, please forgive this letter and respond accordingly - we still want you to be aware of our challenges and to share in prayer for the secure future of St Andrew's.

Yours in his service.

Priest in Charge

PS Please be assured that all financial details are confidential to our planned giving officer. I will be aware of the overall response and will write and thank those who have replied. Please return your form as a sign of support to our church, even if you feel unable to respond positively.