



*Thank you
for your support.*

O Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us that it is more blessed to
give than to receive.
Pour into our hearts the spirit of your own
abundant generosity,
that we may be glad to share with others
what we ourselves have so richly received
to the glory of your name.
Amen.



O Lord Jesus Christ,
by your incarnation
you sanctified material things
to be the means of your grace:
grant us a right attitude to money,
and a generous heart in the use of the
wealth committed to us,
that by our stewardship
we may glorify you,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

***Christian
Stewardship
for
Regular Giving***

*“All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.”*

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Planned Giving

also known as Stewardship

St Andrew's, Bedford was one of the first parishes in the country to embrace Stewardship Giving back in the 1950s.

The foundation of Planned Giving comes directly from the Bible and has its roots in the old system of tithing in the Old Testament. This teaching was reinforced by the early Christians in the New Testament.

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income. 1 Corinthians 16. 2a

The original tithe was 10% of disposable income but the current recommendation by the Church of England is 5%. Many of you will have other commitments and not be able to give at that level but the promise of a regular gift enables St Andrew's to plan its budget with a greater degree of confidence as to its likely income.

One key element of planned giving is that it is regular which means that a gift is made for each week whether you are present or not.

Gifts can either be weekly, using special envelopes available from the Stewardship Recorder, by Standing Order directly from your bank account, or through the Parish Giving Scheme.

Gift Aid

In addition if you are a UK tax payer, St Andrew's can reclaim the tax that you have already paid on your planned giving from HM Revenue and Customs. This is currently set at 25%; for example on a monthly giving of £40, we could reclaim £10.

Join our Stewardship Scheme

We strongly urge all taxpayers to make their donation through the Gift Aid scheme. This will allow the Church to reclaim the tax, effectively adding £25 to every £100 donated. The Stewardship Recorder will be happy to provide further advice and information if required.

If you would like to join our Stewardship Scheme please fill in the form below.

Title (eg Mr/Mrs/Miss)

Name(s).....

Address

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As part of my/our Christian discipleship I/we will offer for God's work through the church £ per week/month.

I/We wish to join the Parish Giving Scheme.
Please pick up a PGS pack from church.

or

I/We would like to pay by Standing order
Please complete the form to the right.

or

I/We would like to have weekly envelopes.
We will enrol you on the scheme.

and

I/We would like to Gift Aid my/our giving.

Please return the whole form to:

Mr Jim Dawson (*The Stewardship Recorder*)
c/o St Andrew's Church Centre Office
Kimbolton Road, Bedford, MK40 2PF
Telephone: 01234 216881
e-mail: info@standrewsbedford.org

Standing Order Mandate

To: (Bank)

Address of Bank:

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My/Our Details:

Account Name:

Account Number:

Sort Code:

Please pay: **St Andrew's Church, Bedford**
Acct No: **00016030** Sort Code: **40-52-40**
Bank : **CAF Bank Ltd**
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling, Kent
ME19 4JQ

Amount of payment: £

Date of first payment:

And thereafter every:
(due date and frequency, e.g. 20th monthly)

Until you receive further notice from me/us
in writing to debit my/our account accordingly.

Signature(s)

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Date