

## No Charge

What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. **1 Corinthians 9.18**

Like the Apostle Paul, we don't charge anyone for any ministry. And like the Apostle Paul, we can only do this because church members support our ministry by giving.

The Bible teaches us not to give 'reluctantly or under compulsion' (2 Corinthians 9.7). That means you shouldn't give the church one cent more than you're happy to give.

But if you are happy to give to help our church continue to 'present the gospel free of charge' and even grow our ministry, this guide will show you some ways to do that.

## How Much?

There are no rules about how much Christians should give to church. This may surprise those who've been taught to give 10% of their income, based on the Old Testament law of the 'tithe'. But Christians are 'not under law' (Romans 6.14 etc.).

The tithe is a great starting-point to think about giving. But the freedom we have in Christ means that some of us (e.g. those in financial hardship) may give less than 10% of our income, while others (e.g. those with well-paying jobs) may give more.

Also, Christians don't only give to church. We also give to charity, missions, etc. So how much should we give to our church as opposed to those things? Again, there are no rules, but here are some questions that might help you make a decision:

- What percentage of my income would I gladly give to support the church?
- How much were the church's expenses (per adult per week) last year?\*
- What's the current gap between the church's expenses and income?
- Does the church have any large projects that require funding to advance?

Of course, the amount you give isn't fixed. If your financial situation declines, you might need to reduce your giving. If your financial situation improves, or it's struggling to meet expenses and you're able to help, you might want to increase your giving.

\* This was approximately \$45 in 2021. Of course, some members gave much less than this, and others gave much more.

# Types of Giving

## Regular Giving

When church members have a regular income, it's helpful—for them and for the church—to decide an amount of money to give on a regular basis. A 'regular basis' could mean weekly, fortnightly, monthly etc., depending on your situation.

## One-Off Giving

Church members or visitors might want to make a one-off donation in addition to, or instead of, regular giving. You might want to do this *in addition to* regular giving, to help pay for a specific project, or to help the church meet a budget deficit. You might want to do this *instead of* regular giving if they don't have a regular income.

## Bequest Giving

Churches have achieved some of their most ambitious projects (e.g. renovating the church building in 2019) thanks to people leaving money to the church in a will. The will can specify the way this money will be spent or it can give the church discretion.

# Additional Details

## Account Details

ACC Name: Broome Anglican Church BSB: 706 001 ACC Number: 300047244

## Confidentiality

The Ministry Staff do not receive and cannot access information about the giving of any individual. This is to ensure that no-one is treated differently on the basis of giving.

The only person who knows information about the giving of any individual is the Treasurer. He protects that information according to the diocesan Privacy Policy.

## Cessation of Giving

We encourage members who change churches to transfer their giving to their new church, but also to consider continuing to support us for a time at a reduced level.

## Current Projects

Here are the projects toward which church members or visitors might want to make a one-off gift. If you want to discuss this confidentially, please contact our Treasurer.

### *New Ablution Block*

Building a new, accessible ablution block in the space east of the Ministry Centre.

Target: \$TBC

Raised: \$0

### *Deck Extension*

Extending the deck to the north side of the church building to improve access.

Target: \$TBC

Raised: \$0

### *Replace Fencing*

Safer and more attractive fencing around the perimeter of the church property.

Target: \$45,000

Raised: \$0

### *Ministry House*

In 2022 we purchased a second ministry house and now have a mortgage to repay.

Target: \$TBC

Raised: \$TBC

## Contact

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# Our Partners

## Diocese of North West Australia



Our church belongs to the Diocese of North West Australia, which is considered a 'missionary diocese' since it relies on external financial support. To give to support the ministry of the Diocese (e.g. training new ministers) please contact the diocesan office on (08) 9921 7277 or visit [anglicandnwa.org](http://anglicandnwa.org).

## Church Missionary Society



Chris and Karen Webb support indigenous ministry in Broome and across the Kimberley. To support them please visit: <https://www.cms.org.au/missionaries/chris-and-karen-webb>

## Missionaries We Support

Our church allocates some of its budget to support the following missionaries, but we also encourage our church members to consider supporting them directly:



Mark and Jodie Simmonds, Mission Aviation Fellowship  
[maf.org.au/give/mark-jodie-simmonds](http://maf.org.au/give/mark-jodie-simmonds)



Dave Barnett, the Bible Society  
[biblesociety.org.au/projects/dave-barnett](http://biblesociety.org.au/projects/dave-barnett)