

CREDIT CARD or DEBIT CARD PAYMENT

Please return to the church office in an envelope marked 'Confidential'

I/We request and authorise St Stephens Belrose to arrange funds to be debited from my/our credit/debit card account and credited to St Stephens Anglican Church Belrose.

DEBIT:

the sum of \$ _____

_____ (amount in words)

Type of card: Mastercard Visa

Card Number:

Exp Date: __/__/__

Card Holder:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: __/__/__

Payment Frequency (please tick)

One off Weekly Fortnightly
 Monthly Quarterly Annually

Commencing (please tick)

Immediately or on __/__/__
until further written notice

At St Stephens there are several ways
to give:

Electronic Funds Transfer.

Account Name: St Stephens Anglican Church

BSB: 032 299

Account Number: 810 118

Branch: Westpac, Frenchs Forest.

Credit/Debit Card

Please complete this form and return it to the church office.

Cheque/Cash

You can place cash and cheques in the offering at our Sunday services or mail a cheque to

St Stephens Anglican Church

16 Lockwood Ave

Frenchs Forrest NSW 2086

Bequests

You can also leave a bequest to the church in your will.

Specific donations for missions or other purposes can also be made to this account but please ensure to include this in the description.



GIVING

Our Vision

Sharing the enduring hope of
Jesus with one another and
our communities.

We aim to be:

Growing in Jesus Together

Praying With Purpose Together

Loving Our Communities Together

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Why Give?

It's worship

All human beings are worshippers, the only question is where our worship is directed. God invites us to worship him with everything that we are, including our money. Financially supporting St Stephens is one way to do that.

It's a way to join in God's mission here in Belrose

All of our ministries and the things we need to make them happen - buildings, staff, utilities - rely on your generous support. We receive no other funding and without you there can be no St Stephens Belrose. Giving to St Stephens enables us to more to love and serve more people and advance God's mission in the Forest.

It's a way to fuel your passion for God

Paul's wisdom to the Corinthian church is, if you want to experience a deep relationship with God, invest in his mission (2 Cor 9:6-7). Common sense says that when you invest in something, you tend to pay more attention to it.

It's a way to thank God

God is a generous God. Everything we have comes from him. But more than that, he willingly gave up his son so that we can have new life forever. Imitating his generosity (2 Cor 9:9) is a way to say thanks.

It's a path to joy and freedom

Generosity is the antidote to greed (Eph 5:3-10) and being generous towards God's mission means more people hear the good news of Jesus, see God's love in action and experience new life in him. That's worth celebrating.

How much should I give?

The amount that you decide to give is a matter to be determined between you and God. In the Old Testament times, giving towards the support of the temple system began at the level of 10% of gross income, and then 'free will', 'fellowship', and other offerings were added to that amount. In the New Testament, the tithe is not commanded, rather Christians are instructed to give generously, systematically, and in proportion to what they have (2 Cor 8:8:1-12). Being Kingdom minded will be seeking to finance the church's work here and abroad as much as we are able. For many of us that will involve more than 10%. Another consideration is to include St Stephens in your will. So having prayerfully determined what you will give, stick to it and rejoice that you can share in this work.

What is the money used for?

Money given to St Stephens is used in three main ways: (i) growing the ministry of our church locally by providing staff, ministry resources, and support functions; (ii) investing in buildings and equipment that effectively serve the ministry functions - both current maintenance as well as future development; and (iii) partnership with other individuals and organisations engaged in gospel ministries including educational, church planting, community development, and compassionate ministries.

Thank You

Thank you for financially supporting the ministry of St Stephens. May we, together as His church, be witnesses of Jesus to the world.

Giving in your Will

Another way of supporting your local church is to make provision for a gift in your will. By making a gift in your will to St Stephens you can have the satisfaction of knowing that into the future you remain part of the work in Jesus' name.

A gift in your will can become an ongoing expression of your love for the people and mission of St Stephens, and the work of Christ in this area.

If you wish to consider this please see the Give tab in our website which includes advice by Diocesan Legal Services in May 2017 about appropriate wording to include in wills making a gift to the parish which you can discuss with your solicitor. Where the proposed gift is more than \$20,000, consideration should be given to making the gift to the Sydney Diocese Anglican Church Property Trust (ACPT) to be held in trust for the purposes of the parish. The ACPT, as corporate trustee, has wider investment powers than the wardens and this may be of particular relevance where it is intended that a gift be used to create a fund for investment.

Gifts in wills to a local church often involve a nominated sum of money, a % of the person's estate, or a residual gift to apply if the other beneficiaries pre-decease the person making the will.

Please note that it is the church's preference that wording in a will not specify what the gift money can be spent on, as circumstances change over time, the Wardens are obliged to respect the terms of any trust, and the money may not be able to be used where it is most needed at the time.

If you would like to confidentially talk about a proposed gift in your will please contact the Rector's Warden (the Church office can give Contact details).