

How?

Our Stewardship Advisor, Christopher Phillimore, will be able to advise you on the best ways to give including claiming gift aid, which means that if you are a UK taxpayer, we receive an additional 25% from HMRC. You can contact him via the office using admin@stastb.church.

The Parish Giving Scheme is the best way to give, as it enables us to budget effectively. It's also easy for you, and saves work for us, as the scheme collects your regular donations by Direct Debit as well as claiming the gift aid. Please complete and sign a PGS gift form and return it to the parish office. Alternatively, call 033 002 1271 and PGS will talk you through the process. You will need to provide our parish code 021 CHUA.



You can also give in church! Speak to one of our stewards on Sunday to donate either in cash or via our card reader.

For one-off donations and further info, click on the 'giving tab' of our website: (make sure to alert us about 'gift-aid')
www.stastb.church/giving

Legacy Giving

Each year around 4,000 people leave a gift in their will to a Church of England parish and parishes receive around £50 million in legacy gifts each year – gifts to finance mission projects, maintain beautiful church buildings and grow faithful communities.

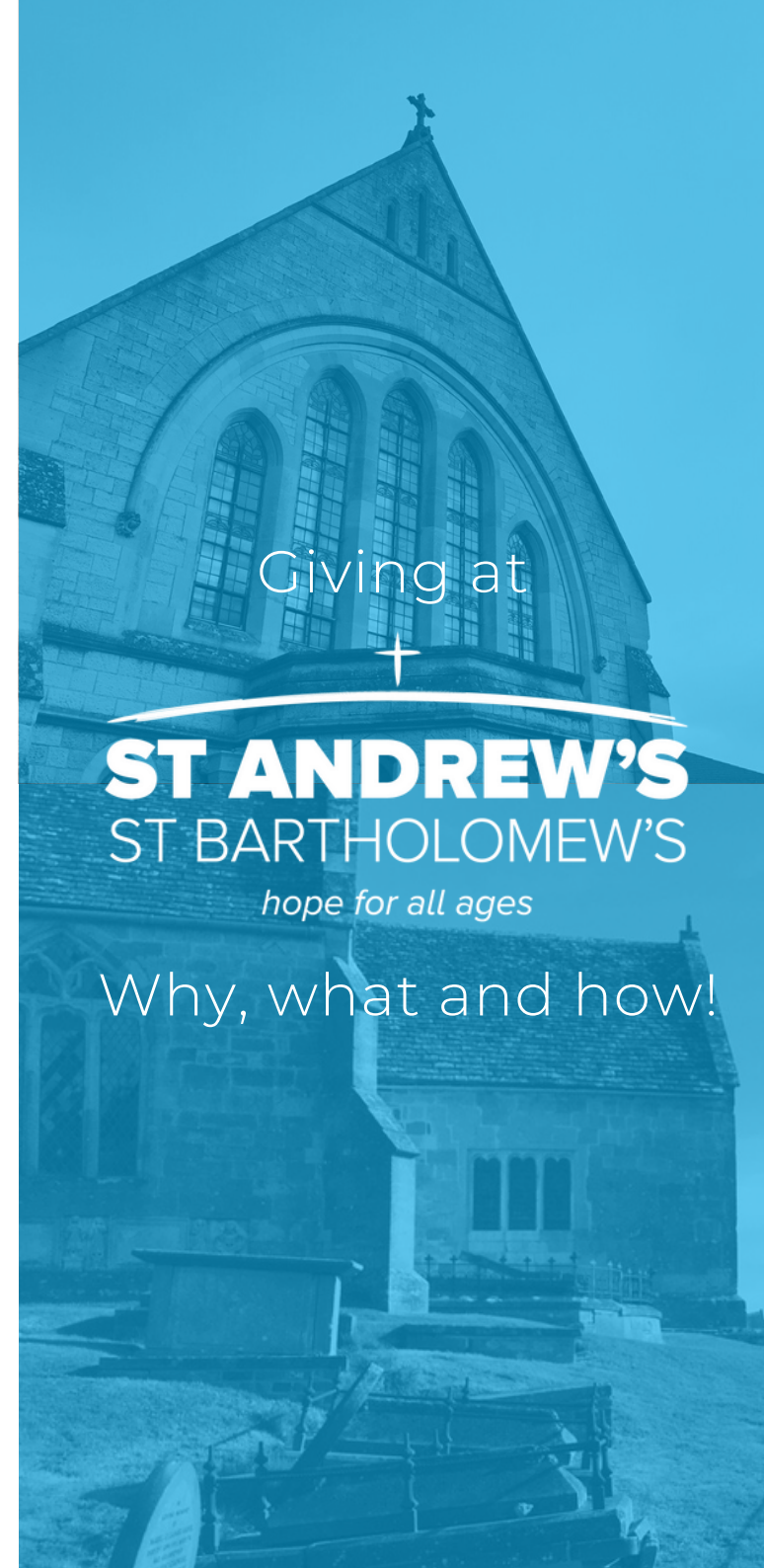
For many people, leaving a gift in their will is a final opportunity to make a gift to God and make a lasting difference to the future of their church and community.

A charitable legacy is a gift of money, property or an item left to an organisation in a will. This type of giving to charity is commonly referred to as gifts in wills. Gifts in wills can be left to parish churches and are exempt from inheritance tax.

Please speak to our Stewardship Advisor, Christopher Phillimore, or our Vicar if you would like to discuss legacy giving.

Please think and pray about how you might respond.

To find out more, visit www.stastb.church/giving or contact the parish office on 01452 712154



Giving at

ST ANDREW'S
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S

hope for all ages

Why, what and how!

Why?

Generous giving is an integral part of Christian discipleship. The apostle Paul says that giving is a primary responsibility for Christians: 'But since you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.' 2 Cor 8:7.

God is the ultimate owner of all things.

When we view everything as God's, it changes our perspective. We aren't truly owners of anything, but rather recipients of God's grace. We are stewards of what He has endowed us with and He asks us to use it for His Glory and to build His kingdom here on earth. Whether we have a lot or a little, we can hold it lightly and pass it on to others as blessings.

God is abundantly generous to us.

Everything we do in worship, in service and in love is a response to God's love for us, shown in the gift of Jesus who died to redeem the world. The price Jesus paid to redeem us means that we owe him everything. How would you respond to someone to whom you owed everything?

'Freely you have received, freely give'
Matt 10:8. Jesus asks us to make use of the gifts we have received from God to share with others so that they might know Him. One way to do that is by giving to your local church.

What?

Principles of giving

2 Corinthians 8, and 9 teach us that our giving should be...

Personal - 'Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion...' Giving is personal to you. Only you can work out before the Lord what you should give.

Planned - We need to approach giving in a planned, 'in advance', intentional way, giving to the Lord from the 'first fruits of the harvest' (Deut 26:2). Set out a budget and prioritise how much you might be able to give at the start of the year, and base your discretionary spending around this!

'Give to the Lord what's right not what's left!'

Proportionate - At St Andrew's and St Bartholomew's we recognise that different members face different circumstances and so our giving is proportionate to our means.

Painful! - Some have followed the pattern of 'tithing' the first 10% of their income as a helpful starting point for thinking about your personal giving. The Widow's offering teaches us: 'She in her poverty put in all she had to live on'. This is a reflection of Jesus' sacrificial gift of his life and what he asks of us as his followers, as we give our time and resources in service to His Kingdom.

Where will my money go?

- Supporting an incredible range of over twenty local, national and international mission partners and charities, including artists, counsellors, Bible translators, families abroad on mission, Gloucester City Mission, Tearfund and Open Doors.
- Upkeep of our extensive church buildings and grounds for local mission to our community, now and for generations to come.
- Employing paid staff who resource a wide range of ministry areas from excellent governance, administration, and taking care of our facilities, to our thriving children and youth ministries reaching and discipling the next generation, to outreach and communicating the gospel in social media, through to the creative arts and sung worship.
- Supporting the national and local church to fund current and future clergy, train future church leaders and subsidise ministry costs in more deprived areas around the country.
- Pooling our money together helps us more effectively bring Jesus' hope into our area as we go out and minister, bringing the gospel in word and deed in people's everyday lives. This includes equipping you to share your faith with work colleagues, friends and neighbours; Funerals and Weddings; Baptisms and Pastoral care; home visits and providing space for people in our community to be curious about life's big questions...thank you for your part in building God's Kingdom, through our local church.