

## An invitation to plan your giving

**Yes, please count me in!**

I wish to make an annual pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

Please send me more information about:

- Regular giving using the envelope system
- Setting up a regular automatic payment from my:
  - bank account
  - credit card
- Gifting a tax refund
- Making a bequest

**Please contact me to discuss how I can support St John's in the City**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support.  
Please seal and return this guide  
in the mail  
or in the offering at any service.**



St John's in the City  
PO Box 27-148  
**WELLINGTON**

Please  
Place Your  
Stamp  
Here

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## Count me in!

Your guide to planned giving  
at St John's in the City

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## St John's exists today through the gifts of people's time, talent and treasure

These gifts are used to support the ministry and operation of our church as well as a wide variety of outreach programmes in our community.

To enable us to fulfil our mission and to meet the needs of our church and our community we rely on people giving generously.

A regular commitment to support the work of St John's means that we can do this more effectively.

For more information about our ministry and outreach programmes please contact the church office for a copy of our annual report or visit our website at [www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz](http://www.stjohnsinthecity.org.nz)

## There are a number of ways you can help St John's with your financial support

### Cash or Cheque

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Regular contributions can be made by cash or cheque as part of the offering during any of our services.

Envelopes are available should you wish your contributions to be recorded for income tax purposes.

### Automatic Payments

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We encourage you to set up regular automatic payments to support the work of the St John's.

An automatic payment form is available on request. You can also use the details on this form to set up regular payments by Internet or telephone banking.

Please check with the church office to make sure that your payments are correctly identified.

### Credit Card

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We accept credit card donations.

Credit card donation slips are available in the church foyer. You can also set up a regular automatic deduction from your credit card.

A deduction form is available on request.

### Tax Refunds

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Should you qualify for a tax refund you can choose to gift this refund to St John's.

Please contact the church office for the details you will need when completing your tax return.

### Bequests

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As well as supporting St John's during their lifetime, many people choose to acknowledge the church in their will by leaving a bequest (a special gift of cash or assets).

If you are planning to leave such a gift please let us know so that we can discuss the terms of your bequest and ensure that you are appropriately acknowledged.

### Other Gifts

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Please let us know if there any other gifting options you would like us to consider.

All financial contributions are tax-deductible and can be acknowledged for income tax purposes

## Giving has a rich biblical and theological history

It has its foundation in the activity of God: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16).

When we consider the pattern of God's giving in the Bible we note that it is neither coercive nor calculating, but rather free and generous.

One of the most striking features of Jesus' parables is the number of them that have as their central character a person who gives freely and generously.

If freedom and generosity say something important about the Kingdom of God, they also suggest something important about the nature of the Christian life.

Giving is not just a practical issue about how we support the work of an organisation of our choice; it is also a spiritual issue that goes to the heart of our understanding of our place in God's mission and deserves our prayerful consideration.

Jesus got to the heart of the matter when he told his disciples, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

### Contacting the church office

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