

Giving/Gift Sunday

The First Sunday in Advent, this year on November 27th, has been designated as our Giving/Gift Sunday. It is certainly very clear that the effects of inflation have impacted everyone, individually and for the church. At this time of year, we are inundated with requests for money from a variety of sources. In our parish we have seen the generosity of the parishioners in our Fall Outreach programme and with donations at the Turkey Supper. Members of our parish support a number of charities outside our church and this is to be celebrated. Sometimes it is difficult to prioritize our giving. At the same time, we have to remember our local church and its financial situation.

This is a communication from our Parish Wardens regarding our Stewardship.

“It is exciting to see enthusiasm, growth and vigour as we return from our long covid captivity. Participation in our Sunday gatherings is steadily increasing. People are getting involved in ministry again in both old and new ways. New life is flowing through our body.

In order to sustain this life, we rely on generosity from our people. We appreciate the efforts of Michael Thain to remind us of our opportunity and, I dare say, responsibility to give financially to support this work we are a part of. Among other places, Jesus in Luke 16 compares us to stewards. None of what we have really belongs to us. It has all been entrusted to us by God to take care of. This gives us significant responsibility to consider how we use God’s resources. In light of this, we encourage you to consider the following.

- If you already give regularly and generously, thank you for what you do. If you are giving as much as you can, please don’t feel any further compulsion.
- If you have capacity to increase your giving, please consider this opportunity to do so either in a one-time gift on the first Sunday of Advent or and increase to your regular giving.
- If you are not a regular financial giver, we encourage you to become one. Perhaps start small and build towards more generosity.

Both through the opportunity to give an one-time gift on the first Sunday of Advent, and through regular intentional generous giving, may we be good stewards of the things God has entrusted us with.”

-The Wardens of St. Luke’s

Offerings on November 27 can be put in an envelope marked ‘Giving Sunday’. If making an e-transfer, (offerings@oldchurchrd.com) put Giving Sunday in the message section.

