

Strength in Communion: Stewardship 2026

St Philip's, Dunbar

October 10, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ,

In our spring discernment gatherings, we discussed and agreed together on 3 areas of growth and focus:

Settle: clarify key pathways of communication, simply some key administrative systems, clarify decision making processes and settle into our new normal as priest and people.

Centre: discern the very heart of our call as church and identify the mission priorities which will direct our common life.

Send: balance our many points of connection with our neighbours that invite people into our buildings by seeking opportunities to go out to meet and serve our neighbours where they are.

As we begin to live into these 3 focus areas, I am grateful for the gifts that every one of our congregation brings, knowing that our communal ministry together requires gifts of all kinds. This year's Stewardship Invitation welcomes gifts of both finances and/or time and expertise. This year there is also the option to say that you are in need of Sabbath rest. Sabbath rest is as important a spiritual discipline as giving because it reminds that ministry is not all up to us and that our trust and strength belong in Christ.

We find our strength in communion: Christ in bread and wine, Christ in one another, Christ at work in the world through the power of the Holy Spirit revealing the communion in which we, and all creation, live in Him.

With gratitude for your ongoing faithfulness and generosity,
The Rev'd Anne Privett

Financial Pledge

Please fill out, cut on dotted line and return to the confidential "Financial Pledge" box in the Narthex by November 2, 2025 (All Saints Sunday).

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

In gratitude for God's gifts, I/we pledge financial gifts to St Philip's in 2026:

- ☐ Maintain my current pledge
- ☐ New pledge of: \$ _____ __ monthly __ yearly
- ☐ Optional addition to a designated fund: \$ _____ __ monthly __ yearly

Name of the designated fund: _____

Pre-Authorized Donations (P.A.D.)

I would like to make my gift through the automatic monthly debit (**attach voided cheque, please**)

Signature: _____

Pledge of Time and/or Expertise

Please fill out, cut on dotted line and return to the “Pledge of Time/Expertise” box in the Narthex by November 2, 2025 (All Saints Sunday).

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ I intend to continue gifting my time to the following ministries in 2026:

- ☐ I would be interested in offering time to a ministry of:
(please circle all that apply):

Hospitality

Community events, receptions etc.

Worship

Liturgy & Music

Compassion, Prayer & Advocacy

Pastoral Care, Outreach

Care & Repair

Gardens & Buildings

Spiritual Formation & Education

Children and Youth or Adults

Tech & Communications

Website, Livestream etc.

Finances & Fundraising

Leadership & Governance

- ☐ I need some sabbath time (a holy rest) this year and will look forward to pledging time next year.

Financial Quick Facts

Our significant costs are mostly fixed and rising.

Staff salaries, administrative costs, property maintenance: 70%.

Diocesan Assessment (our contribution to the wider Diocese) 12.3%.

Where does our funding come from? (2024 stats)

Pledged Gifts (49.3%)

Rental Income (29.7%)

Designated Gifts (0.5%)

Outreach Gifts (5.2%)

Bequests and Other Gifts (6.9%)

Holy Days and Open Collection (2.5%)

Fund Raising (5.0%) Grants (0.0%)

Other (1.1%)

Funds received totalled \$645,098 in 2024

To learn more...

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*I started giving
compassion talent treasure
somehow I have more*

Haiku by Craig Wilson, 2025