

Giving is God's Way

Stewardship materials from the Diocese of Southwark

**Part 1:
Getting
started**

Where are we going? Our vision

There is little doubt that it helps church members to be generous if they can see clearly how their gifts are used and the difference these gifts are making in other people's lives, both locally and more widely across the Diocese. 'Informed generosity' is a useful phrase to keep in mind when we talk about giving in our churches.

You may recently have been through a process of discernment to produce a Mission Action Plan (MAP) for your church, in which case both you and your wider congregation will have a clear idea of the vision for your parish and how the generosity of church members is essential in achieving specific aims. For help, please contact our Mission and Evangelism department or visit the MAP pages on the Diocesan website at southwark.anglican.org/mission-ministry/mission/mission-evangelism/mission-action-planning.

If you don't yet have a MAP then you should consider developing one. As a minimum before starting *Giving is God's Way*, you will need to tease out some ideas to include in your supporting literature. Remember, continuing the good work you are already doing is likely to be part of any plans you have for future mission and ministry.

Some questions you should ask ahead of Giving is God's Way

What do we want to achieve?	Be clear about what you are aiming to do so that members of your congregation can be part of your church's vision for the future.
How can we do this?	What will you need to do to achieve your plans? Be specific about what is needed in terms of both manpower and money.
When can we realistically achieve this by?	What will you need to do to achieve your plans? Be specific about what is needed in terms of both manpower and money.