

# How much do you value St John's and St Andrew's?

Directed by our Christian faith and worship, we at St John's with St Andrew's offer inspiration and help to many people – our own diverse and growing congregation, thousands living or working in or passing through Waterloo and many others further afield.

## Where we are, who we serve



## We want to release our full potential

We already do a lot to nurture people through our varied worship, supporting individuals in need, providing advice in emergencies, working with uniformed organisations and with charities, especially our partners in the Crypt and, of course, through our Festival. We'd like to touch others, share our good fortune, and help to improve and enrich even more lives.

## We have great ambitions too

Our Christianity and our God-given location motivate us not to stand still. To support people of every kind we want to unlock the potential of our site through the Bridge at Waterloo project.

## What is holding us back? Why don't we do what we know we could – and more?

Lack of money. At present, as a congregation we do not even fully pay our way - only about half of it. Both our churches are exceptionally fortunate in having rental and lettings income. This has shielded us from the reality of low congregational giving. Our parish needs nearly £9,000 every month just to run the churches and make our contribution to the Diocesan fund which pays for our clergy. Currently we send the Diocese £3,500 per month, which is only two thirds of what we receive in return. So we're being subsidised by other churches!

Only after we have covered our costs in full - £9,000 a month - can we put money into those activities we as a parish feel are essential to fulfil our purpose – our ministry and mission in Waterloo and beyond.

Today we are not in a strong enough position to do all we should and more. We could do so much if our funding was greater and more secure.

Our ambitions cannot be realised without your financial support. To unlock our potential and show Christianity in action, as individuals we have to engage and we have to do something about our personal giving. It's as simple as that.

- We can't continue to rely on others
- We need you, and your financial support.

Individually we have to chip in - Jesus applauded the steward who put talents to use, not the one who sat on them – or nothing will change.



## How you can help

- Weekly envelope commitment - set up or review if you already do this
- Standing order – set up or review if you already do this
- Wills – bequeath a sum to our parish

We know the current times are hard for some and not everyone is in a position to make regular contributions. In that case:

- One-off donations - please give what and when you can

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St John's & St Andrew's will make the most of each penny whenever possible through Giftaid – that means every taxed £1 is worth £1.25 or more.

## Would you like to talk it over?

Contact Alice Mwanje or Giles. Meanwhile, don't delay, seize the day! Fill in the form overleaf and Alice will be in touch.



I want to support the work of God's church here in Waterloo. I intend to give an offering as follows:

Amount (including any existing commitment)

£  weekly/monthly\*

Method of giving:

Standing Order / Envelope Scheme \*

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I would like this to be Gift Aided – please give me a Gift Aid form to sign.

YES/NO\*

\*please delete one

We encourage giving by Standing Order – it's easier for you and for us! If you wish to set up a standing order yourself, please use the bank details below. Or Alice Mwanje will give you a standing order form to be completed and returned to the Parish Office.

CAF BANK, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ  
A/C name: St John's Waterloo, A/C no 00022879  
Sort code 40-52-40

If you would like to give by envelope scheme, your envelopes will be available from Alice or Eileen.

Name	
Address	
Post Code	
Email	
Signature	Date

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. Please return this form to Alice Mwanje, St John's Waterloo, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8TY.

## How do you value what you receive from your church?

- Sky TV costs from £21.50 - £65 per month
- A pint of lager in a pub costs £3.30
- A cinema ticket costs at least £7.00
- A packet of cigarettes costs almost £8.00
- A takeaway pizza costs around £6.00
- Nike trainers cost almost £100!



## So what's it worth to you?

The Church of England teaches that each of us should give 5% of our income to our parish and another 5% of our income to other good causes. The figures below equate to 5% of your income.

Your income per <b>week</b>	Suggested amount to give per <b>week</b>	Your Income per <b>month</b>	Suggested amount to give per <b>month</b>
£100	£5	£500	£25
£200	£10	£1,000	£50
£300	£15	£2,000	£100
£600	£30	£3,000	£150
£900	£45	£4,000	£200
£1,200	£60	£5,000	£250
£1,400	£70	£6,000	£300
£1,600	£80	£7,000	£350

To help you see where your contribution could go:

Item	Cost for one week of the year
Cleaning	£70
Communications and printing	£80
Insurance	£88
Heating and lighting	£151
Missionary and Charitable Giving	£162
Upkeep of Services – candles, bread and wine, flowers, organ tuning	£163
Maintenance of the buildings	£193
Salaries and administration	£292
Contribution to the cost of ministry (Fairer Shares)	£764

# What's it worth?

