

St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

GROWING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

Relaunching Mission & Aid Giving
A Guide

A WORD FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

Dear St Andrew's family,

Generosity is one of the great marks of a gospel community. We give because God has first been generous to us. As Paul reminds us, "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9). Christian generosity is not finally driven by guilt, pressure or institutional need, but by grace. Having received such grace in the Lord Jesus, we want our money, prayers, relationships and priorities to reflect his generous love.

Mission and Aid giving is one way we share together in the work of the gospel beyond our own parish. In Isaiah 40, which we read recently, God's people are comforted with good news: sin has been paid for, the King has come, and the Shepherd carries his flock. That good news is then to be announced: "Here is your God!" (v. 9). As gospel people, we want to hold together what God holds together. We proclaim forgiveness and we practise mercy. We call people to repent and we care for the weak. We preach Christ crucified and we seek to live as a preview of his coming kingdom. We do mission and we do aid.

For many years, St Andrew's has been a church that gives generously beyond itself, reaching out with the love and hope of Jesus Christ through prayer, practical support and partnership with those engaged in mission and aid. We want that to continue, and to do so in a way that is clear, shared, prayerful and sustainable.

We have also been listening carefully to your views on how we give to our Mission and Aid partners. The survey you completed last year told us something encouraging: we are deeply united in why we give. We want to be a church that is generous, locally and globally. We want to be relationally invested in the people and organisations we support. We want to celebrate together the impact of gospel-shaped generosity.

Where we have had different views is on how we give — the practical mechanics. That is not surprising, and it is not a problem. It tells us we have a congregation with a rich diversity of conviction and engagement around mission.

This booklet sets out a new approach that honours that diversity. Rather than one giving model, we are offering two pathways, each one suitable for different members of our community.

We encourage you to read it prayerfully, consider your pathway, and share generously in this work.

Grace and peace,
James Smith and Parish Council

OUR SHARED VALUES

Before we describe how to give, it is worth pausing on what we all agree on. In the survey you completed, these values emerged with striking clarity across every part of our congregation:

- We want to be a church that is generous, both locally and globally.
- We want to be deeply invested in cross-cultural mission and aid, not just financially but relationally.
- We want to build long-term, tangible partnerships with organisations and individuals who are serving Christ around the world.
- We want people in our church to see, feel, and celebrate the impact of their generosity.

These are gospel-aligned values. No matter which giving pathway you choose, these values unite us. The conversation about how we give is mainly a conversation about wisdom, stewardship and practical structures, not a disagreement about our shared gospel convictions.

We are one church, united in Christ, seeking to live generously and missionally.

WHICH ONE SOUNDS LIKE YOU?

We are a community of generous givers, but we have different instincts about how best to support mission and aid beyond our church.

Here are some examples of the giving instincts represented in our church community, as we heard in our Mission and Aid (M&A) survey. Read them and see which resonates, then find your giving pathway on the facing page:

01 The Intentional Giver

“I know which mission partners I want to support — I love engaging with them personally.”

02 The Shared Giver

“I believe in giving together as one body — our collective voice is stronger.”

03 The Trusting Delegator

“I trust St Andrew’s to guide me — I’m confident the M&A Committee will choose wisely.”

04 The Pragmatic Continuer

“I’d prefer to keep things the way they were — but I want to understand what’s changing.”

05 The Optimising Giver

“I want to give as generously as I can — and a tax receipt helps me give more.”

There is space for all of these instincts, and more, within our Christian community.

ENABLING GIVING WITH SIMPLE STRUCTURES

Diverse perspectives accommodated

There is no need to enforce a single system for giving. We have designed an approach that can support different perspectives and priorities.

Direct giving supported: We will continue to provide information about selected organisations and individuals, to enable direct giving to them.

Joint giving enabled: From 26 July, we will re-establish a pathway for joint giving to mission and aid.

YOUR GIVING PATHWAY

There is no single right way to give to M&A. Each pathway below is a faithful, generous response to God's call on our lives. Choose the one that fits you best.



Direct Giving

Visit each partner's website directly (or through our website) and give, noting, if you'd like, that you're a member of St Andrew's Roseville. You choose which partners to support and how much to give to each. Where available, the partner organisation will issue a tax-deductible receipt for your records.

Best for: The Intentional Giver — for those who want direct personal connection with specific partners.



Joint Giving

Give whatever amount you choose directly to the Joint-Giving account via bank transfer. The M&A Committee will prayerfully recommend to the Parish Council for approval our partners and allocations to them on behalf of the congregation.

Best for: The Shared Giver and The Trusting Delegator.

Prefer to keep giving a set proportion?

Give an amount equal 10% of your regular giving to the Joint-Giving account. Simply continue giving faithfully — no new decisions required.

Best for: The Pragmatic Continuer and The Trusting Delegator.

Could your giving go further? — Use a St Andrew's Roseville Donor ID

If you pay income tax and give through Joint Giving, registering a Donor ID and adding this to the description of your transfer will allow our Treasurer to identify your giving and issue a tax-deductible receipt at financial year-end (applying to at least 30% of the amount given for FY27). For many people, this means being able to give more. To register: scan the QR code on page 8 of this booklet or speak with our Treasurer.

Best for: The Optimising Giver.

OUR PARTNERS

We will continue to support our current partners through prayer and direct-giving promotion. We are also pleased to announce the Barbara May Foundation and CMS as our initial joint-giving partners.



Direct Giving



Undeceptions

Advocating for the Christian faith in a sceptical world through John Dickson's weekly podcast.

Ben Lim — Sydney University EU

Recruiting, training and discipling international students at Sydney University through EU's eufocus ministry.



Joint Giving



Barbara May Foundation

Providing essential maternal health services and training in sub-Saharan Africa.



CMS Australia



Supporting global mission partners to share the gospel and serve communities worldwide.

Joint-giving pathway partner selection and next steps:

Reason for selection: chosen for their strong support in the 2025 survey and alignment with our long-held mission goals.

Next steps: additional partners will be selected once the full M&A Committee is established, including clear policies to govern ongoing support. Direct support to our other current partners remains an option for all of us in the meantime.

STEP 01

26 July 2026

Re-establish joint giving to M&A.

Update information to allow streamlined individual support (including St Andrew's website).

Commence collection of money to support initial joint-giving partners.

STEP 02

By the end of 2026

Establish a full working M&A Committee that is representative across our church.

Confirm the principles for selection and continuation of support of partners and recommendations for individual giving.

STEP 03

2027 and beyond

Operate the M&A Committee under the governance of Parish Council.

Recommend ongoing allocations of entrusted resources to Parish Council.

Consider whether to re-establish an annual Gift Day and how to operate this.

ACTIONS FOR YOU

Update your giving

Take note of the new M&A account details to set up or update your giving:

Account Name: St Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville

BSB: 032 102

Account Number: 141 740

If you would like a tax receipt for the deductible portion of your gift, scan the QR code to register for a Donor ID, and use this in the description for your bank transfer.



Or use the following link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/sR13pThSUM>

Help us establish the committee

We're growing the M&A Committee from 4 (including the Senior Minister) to up to 8 members, to form a representative body. Nominate yourself, or someone else with their permission, to join.

Email: mission@standrews.net.au

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Why are we relaunching Mission and Aid giving?

Because we want mission and aid to be a visible, shared and prayerful part of our life as a church, not merely a matter of private individual giving.

2. When does the new giving approach start?

We are re-establishing separate giving pathways and an account for Mission and Aid from 26 July 2026.

3. Is this approach being trialled, or is it permanent?

The giving pathways are being relaunched for an initial period from 26 July to 31 December 2026, during which Barbara May Foundation and CMS Australia will be supported as initial partners for the joint-giving pathway. The full M&A Committee will then recommend a longer-term framework, including partner criteria, funding principles and reporting rhythms, for Parish Council approval. We will continue to listen, learn and adapt as we go.

4. Will St Andrew's still encourage prayer and relationship with partners, not just giving?

Yes. The aim is not only to send money, but to build prayerful, informed and where possible long-term partnerships with those we support.

5. Do I have to choose one pathway and stick to it?

No. These pathways are guides, not rules, you're welcome to give across more than one. The important thing is that you give generously.

6. Can I still support specific missionaries or partners directly?

Yes. The church website will provide details on our mission and aid partners, allowing you to decide the exact amount and proportion you give to each.

7. If I give directly, is my gift recognised as coming from St Andrew's?

It can be. When giving through a partner's website, note that you're a member of St Andrew's. The organisation can then report total anonymised giving from our church back to us.

8. How does the joint-giving pathway work?

Transfer your chosen amount to the new M&A account, any amount, or you can continue our previous practice by giving an amount equal to 10% of your total giving. The M&A Committee will prayerfully recommend allocations to Parish Council for approval on behalf of the whole congregation.

9. If I give individually, will this change the amount given to mission and aid partners from joint funds?

No. Individual gifts made directly to partners will not reduce any allocation recommended from joint funds. The M&A Committee will consider joint funds separately and recommend allocations to Parish Council for approval.

10. Will any amounts from general offertory be allocated to mission giving?

No. This practice will not be re-established. If you'd like 10% of your giving to go to mission and aid, simply give an equivalent amount to the M&A account.

11. Can I get a tax-deductible receipt?

Yes — register a Donor ID and our Treasurer can issue a receipt at year-end.

12. Is my entire gift to the M&A account tax-deductible?

No. Because not all M&A recipients have deductible gift recipient status, only the portion expected to be distributed to deductible recipients can be receipted as tax-deductible. Initially, the tax-deductible proportion will be at least 30% of the amount given. This percentage will be reviewed from time to time, and any new percentage will apply to all amounts given after it is announced. Individual partners may also provide tax-deductible receipts, where available, if you give to them directly.

13. Why are only two initial partners being announced?

The M&A Committee, once established, will select partners based on a combined assessment of the calibre of the partners (their suitability and alignment) and the resources available (how much is being given). The initial appointments are designed to establish a base to grow from. We encourage you to be generous, as this will provide the Committee with the opportunity to support additional partners as soon as it is in place.

14. Will all money given this year go only to the initial partners?

An initial support level of \$10,000 has been established. If additional funds are received, this will be held for the full Committee to consider whether to extend support to additional partners, or to provide more support to the initial partners.

15. What will happen to the current mission partners that have not been selected as initial partners?

The full M&A Committee will recommend the support amounts and partners to Parish Council, including whether to continue existing relationships. While this process will take some time, direct support to any of these partners remains an option for all of us in the meantime.

16. How will partners be selected in future?

The full M&A Committee will recommend criteria to Parish Council, likely including gospel alignment, effectiveness, accountability, relationship with St Andrew's, local/global balance, and the resources available.

17. Who decides which partners St Andrew's supports going forward?

By the end of 2026, a full, representative M&A Committee will confirm the principles for selecting and continuing partner support. It will operate under Parish Council governance. You can contact the committee at any time.

18. Will the committee explain exactly where money is going to go in advance?

The Committee will operate as a sub-committee of Parish Council and will make recommendations to Parish Council to allocate funds received. This will not always be done in advance, as it will be necessary to know the amount available. It is important that the Committee is representative of the church body, and acts with diligence and transparency. It will be entrusted with this role, and will have discretion to make recommendations, including in regard to money that has already been given.

19. Who is on the M&A Committee, and how do I contact them?

The current Committee comprises Stuart Shinfield, James Smith, Narelle Barbarino and Varya Davidson. An expanded Committee is being assembled — write to mission@standrews.net.au if you'd like to join.

20. How will the congregation know what has happened with the money?

The M&A Committee will provide regular updates on giving received, funds distributed, partner news and prayer points.

21. Will we be having an annual Gift Day?

The M&A Committee and Parish Council will consider whether to re-establish an annual Gift Day, and how to operate it, for 2027 and beyond.

More questions? Contact mission@standrews.net.au.

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