



ST JAMES  
TURRAMURRA

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# THE GOOD GIVING GUIDE

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For you know the grace of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, that though he  
was rich, yet for your sake he  
became poor, so that you through  
his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

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# WHY GIVE?

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St James is aware that many of its households have had a sudden and significant change in their incomes because of the impact of covid-19. The situation is different for all of us.

This Good Giving Guide encourages each one of us under God's guiding and enabling to prayerfully consider what we can contribute to the ministry of the gospel through our Parish's activities.

Christian giving flows out of the belief that everything we have is a gift from God. Our money, our time and our gifts belong to him, and have been given to us so that we can use them to serve others (1 Peter 4:10).

Christians have the perfect example of generosity in the Lord Jesus who, "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." (2 Cor 8:9).

- Christians have an incredible opportunity to proclaim the gospel as we give generously.
- When we give, we show that God's grace is at work in us and that money is not our master.
- Giving helps us to rest in the truth that God will graciously provide for all our needs.
- Giving allows us to practically help those in need, especially in these challenging days.

# HOW MUCH SHOULD I GIVE?

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The bible has some indicators that help us.

## TITHING AND THE OLD TESTAMENT...

‘Tithing’ is a popular principle. It was a standard of giving tied to the Old Testament, connected with the religious and tribal organisation of Israel. We would describe it today as a form of taxation. It provided an income for the Levites (set apart to work in the temple), the poor, the widows and the fatherless. The laws relating to such practices of course no longer apply today (like food and sacrificial laws), so 10% can only be seen as a guide for the importance of contributing to Kingdom work.

## IN THE NEW TESTAMENT...

The principle we do observe as we move from the Old to the New Testaments is generosity. Christ transforms our hearts so that we store up treasures in heaven, rather than treasuring money.

It could be argued that 10% is just a starting point from which to think through the many opportunities we have to support gospel ministry. In the New Testament, the sacrificial love of Christ is our new ‘standard’. Generosity suggest we might build upon a 10% base and watch the church flourish as we make eternal investments.

For some of us, there will be particular reasons why our giving capacity is limited, like unemployment, for example. For others of us, however, we find ourselves in a blessed place financially and this should be reflected in our giving to the church.

# WORKING IT OUT...

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Everyone's situation is different, if only because of the amount of income earned (by whatever source). 10% of household income, or 'tithing' may be a useful starting point given many don't know where to begin.

Some people may be in position to give more than a tenth. Others will not be able to give that much. The message from the scriptures is that we are to give an amount in keeping with our income (1 Cor 16:2), and we are to do so cheerfully (2 Cor 9:7).

You might find this table helpful for your household...

## HOW TO GIVE...

<b>ANNUAL SALARY/INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>% YOU HAVE DECIDED UPON</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>ANNUAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>WEEKLY/FORTNIGHTLY/MONTHLY AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$</b>

Giving through cash is no longer practical because of the restrictions placed upon our movements with covid-19. We therefore encourage transitioning to electronic means for regular financial contributions if you have not already done so.

Please contact our church office if you'd like assistance with moving to electronic giving. Details are on the rear of this booklet.

# HOW DO I GIVE?

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We encourage all members to put in place regular weekly/fortnightly/monthly contributions to ministry. These enable:

- the payment of staff and administration salaries
- ministry resourcing and initiatives
- assisting the needy
- special events and activities to promote the gospel, including Easter and Christmas

To give electronically to ministry the following bank account details are provided:

**KING STREET CONGREGATIONS**  
**BSB 032-089 | ACCOUNT # 250028**

**BOBBIN HEAD CONGREGATION**  
**BSB 032-189 | ACCOUNT # 282211**

## **MINISTRY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The St James Ministry Training scholarship Fund (MTSF) was established in 2012 to enable financial resources to be set aside for the purpose of ministry training programmes conducted by, linked with, or endorsed by St James Anglican Church Turramurra.

This tax-deductible fund is presently supporting ministry staff studying at theological college and Trainees under the Ministry Apprenticeship Strategy as they consider the potential for vocational ministry (see also the booklet ‘Ministry Training at St James’).

To give electronically to the Ministry Training Scholarship Fund:

**BSB 032 089 | ACCOUNT # 273 449**

## **KING ST GOSPEL PARTNERS**

St James King Street is in formal partnership with a number of Gospel Partners, serving in ministry locally, around the country, and overseas. St James has a Gospel Partners’ Team who work hard at ensuring our partnerships are being effective for gospel progress and to provide regular updates for our congregations on the ministries of those we support around the world. Many of them are in environments where persecution and security concerns are a daily challenge. Our prayerful and financial support enables them to continue serving and reaching the lost.

Contributions to the St James Gospel Partners Fund (Missions) are allocated proportionately. Members also contribute directly to the mission organisations supporting our Partners.

To give electronically to the Gospel Partners’ Fund:

**BSB 032-089 | ACCOUNT # 146378**

**The leadership of the Parish of St James express their gratitude to God for the faithful generosity of the congregations over its history, and urge you to pray for an ongoing gospel legacy that will be a blessing for the generations to come.**

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*“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

