

What is Stewardship?

We are all caretakers or “stewards” of God’s creation. As Christians, we know that everything we have comes from God. Stewardship means thankfully returning to God a portion of what God has given us, in the form of our time, talent and treasure to the community we value.

What is a Pledge?

A pledge is an amount of money which a person or family plans in advance to contribute to the parish in the coming year. A pledge allows you to show your commitment to the work of our parish in a tangible way. Your pledge allows our parish to maintain its ministry and enable the Vestry to plan the budget effectively by knowing how much financial support to expect in the coming year. It is a response to God for the material blessings of life.

Why should I pledge?

Pledging is a meaningful way a person claims membership in our parish.

Why is it important for me to be a member of a church?

All people are a part of God’s Family. Membership at our parish allows you the opportunity to help make key decisions affecting the church’s future including voting at the annual meeting and serving on vestry.

What does the parish operating budget cover?

The Episcopal Parish of All Saints’ Church & St. George’s Chapel inclusive of two churches, two cemeteries, and two thrift shops. This includes staff, programs, worship services, study, ministry programs and fellowship.

Our Clergy

All ordained staff that leads us in worship and ministry.

Salaries, wellness benefit, and pensions.

Administrative Staff and Expenses

Parish Administrator and Communications Coordinator salary and benefits. Postage, telephone, computers, printing, supplies, etc.

Worship and Music

Music Director salary and benefits, organists, and Live Streaming costs.

Housekeeping

Salary and benefits

Parish Sexton

Salary and benefits

Church Properties

Primarily property and liability insurance, utilities, building supplies, and upgrades.

Lay Leadership and Christian Education

Children Services, Educational events, Clergy Education, and Vestry Development

Evangelism and Fellowship

Advertising, outreach efforts, pastoral care and fellowship activities

Work Beyond the Parish

Diocesan Pledge, Designated Giving, and various local causes including our Thrift Shop Ministry

Other expenses funded outside the operating budget include landscaping and major repairs to the historic buildings. These are all funded by income from designated endowments, special grants or gifts, and special appeals.

Who supervises the budget?

The Finance Committee of the Vestry prepares the annual budget alongside the Rector & Treasurer. The budget must be reviewed and approved by the Vestry. The Vestry oversees expenditures throughout the year, and the Treasurer submits monthly reports to the Vestry on all income and disbursements. Our endowment funds are managed by respected financial institutions under the direction of the Finance Committee.

Are my donations tax-deductible?

Your pledge donations are 100% tax deductible. Semiannually, you will receive a statement showing the record of giving. Statements can be requested at any time. This record includes any extra gifts, such as altar flowers and altar guild.

What if I pledge, due to changes in my job or for other reasons, I cannot fulfill my pledge?

The parish recognizes that unforeseen problems do arise. To change a pledge, simply inform Mother Shelley or our Parish Treasurer. Your support of our parish should not place you in a difficult financial situation.





How do I make a pledge?

Complete a pledge card on line, on paper or on our website with the total amount of money you plan to give to the parish during 2026. You can pay this amount in whatever schedule is easiest for you – weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually (in one lump sum). To make it even easier, you may request pledge envelopes which can be placed in the offering plate during services or mailed to submit your pledge payments, in cash or by check. Automatic donations can be set up through your financial institutions. Donations can also be made using your credit card online on our website at: allsaintsandstgeorges.org.

How much should I pledge?

No one can tell you the right amount to pledge. The pledge amount that is right for you is whatever you feel reflects your thankfulness to God and your commitment to the parish, based on what you can afford. For example, calculate what you can commit each week, then multiply that by 52 and that is your annual pledge amount. You can also consider a percentage of your income – for example, the Biblical tithe, which is 10%, is a goal many are working toward. For first time pledgers, the act of pledging is more important than the amount, since the pledge reflects that you have made a personal commitment to the ongoing life of the church.

I already pledge. Do I need to increase my pledge over last year?

Because we continue to work toward closing the gap on our current deficit we are asking everyone who is able to increase their current pledge amount by 10%. If you are unable to increase your pledge please consider bringing in two new members into our faith community. Every year we look for an increase in pledge income to cover the normal rise in costs of every kind. Many parishioners set a goal for proportional giving, such as the tithe, which they move closer towards year by year. In this way the level of stewardship is always growing.

Does my pledge support Christian service to others?

Yes. In addition to our Outreach ministries, All Saints' Church & St. George's Chapel provides space and other resources to various groups such as AA groups, GriefShare, dinners for the three Mental Health homes. Annual grants are made from the budget to Episcopal Charities and Camp Arrowhead. Finally, a portion of your pledge goes to the Diocese for support of our sister parishes and for national Christian service.

Is my pledge confidential?

Yes, your pledge is confidential.

Stewardship

for
**The Parish of
All Saints' Church &
St. George's Chapel**

Three ways to give

***Offer your
Pledge***

***Invite new
People***

***Intentionally
Pray***

The mission of our parish is to make the love of God more widely known in our community and the world by welcoming all people; helping those less fortunate through service and by sharing God's gifts.