

Stewardship Questions & Answers

Q. What is “stewardship?”

A. “Stewardship” is taking care of something that belongs to someone else. Christians recognize that everything belongs to God: we are trusted by God to take care of all of creation. To help us think about managing everything, we speak of God’s gifts in 3 ways – talent, time, and treasure.

Q. What is a Pledge?

A. A Pledge is a statement that you intend to do something: in this case, to give back to God a portion of what God has given you. When you turn in a pledge, the information about your Talent Pledge is passed on to the convener(s) of the appropriate groups, so they can contact you about your involvement. The information about your financial pledge goes to the Treasurer. The Vestry is informed about the total amount pledged by the whole parish.

Q. How do I decide how much to Pledge?

A. Scripture says we are to give sacrificially. It says we are to offer God a tenth of all God gives us. This 10% is called a tithe. The tithe is our aim. (Example: if your income is €30,000 per year, a tithe is €3,000 per year). But, if you can’t tithe now, give a reasoned proportion of what you have. Some people give “the equivalent of their vices” or as much time as they spend watching tv or as much money as they spend on entertainment. What you base it on is not as much the issue as that it represents some thing of real meaning to you.

Q. I give in other places too – does that count?

A. Many people offer something called the “modern tithe” – 5% to God through the church, 5% to God’s kingdom through causes such as medical research. Remember that your gift to God through All Saints’ is also passed on to ministries beyond the parish, as the parish budget includes various kinds of mission, service and outreach, including through the commitments of the Convocation and Anglican Council of Belgium to the wider world. This applies to giving time and talent as well as treasure.

Q. How can I be sure what I give is used wisely?

A. All people at All Saints’ are encouraged to be part of the decision-making process by being part of committees. The Vestry (elected representatives of the parish) makes prayerful budget and spending decisions based on input from these groups. The parish budget and finance statements are available to all parish members, and the budget is presented and explained to the whole parish at the Annual General Meeting. The budget is determined by Vestry. All Vestry meetings are open to all parish members. A summary of the concerns and actions of the monthly meetings is included in each Saints Alive newsletter.

Q. What if things change in my life and I can’t give what I pledged?

A. A pledge is a statement of faith. To pledge for the year to come is like saying “I trust that God will provide enough for me in the year to come so I can plan to give this amount.” Sometimes, life does not turn out as we expected. You can change your pledge if that happens – to either decrease or increase it.

Q. Who will know what my pledge is?

A. Pledges are kept confidential by the church Treasurer. Only you, your family if you decide together, and God know the circumstances of your life that determine your pledge.

If your questions are not answered here, please speak with the Treasurer, a member of the clergy or a member of the Vestry.

My Pledge of Talents, Time & Treasure

ALL SAINTS’  WATERLOO
THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVING BELGIUM

Our Mission

We welcome all with joy to our spiritual home. We seek to share and to deepen our faith and our love of God through Anglican worship, pastoral care, Christian nurture, and vibrant community life.

Please look over this card carefully.

Then take time to PRAY.

If you fill this card out with someone else, discuss it together.

Reflect on what God has given to you, and what you want to give in return.

Pray again.

Fill in the card.

If you are able, bring your Pledge to Church and put it in the offering plate. If not, mail it in or fill in the on-line Pledge form available at:

www.allsaints.be/pledge

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My Pledge of Talents

If more than one person is offering Talents on this card, please indicate which individual is offering which talent.

I pledge to take care of God's church and world using my talents in the following ways:

Fellowship & Hospitality

- put on coffee hour
- visit / welcome newcomers
- visit sick / homebound
- plan ways to help members know each other
- help with rides to church
- help serve or clean up at parish meals
- host a gathering for parish members
- babysit for a church event / class

Outreach / Service to those in need

- help with baked goods sales for outreach
- meet with committee to plan outreach
- Wednesday Club helper
- help with Les Paniers Verts
- help with environmental planning
- plan or lead other projects to raise funds for outreach
- contact other groups to work with for service

Spiritual Formation

- Help lead worship
 - choir
 - play instrument
 - lead prayers of the people
 - read scripture in English
 - read scripture in French
 - lay hands & pray for healing
 - altar guild (set altar, care for linens & supplies)
 - acolyte
 - usher / greeter
- Adult Education (teach or organize a class)
- Bible Study (teach or organize)
- Youth group advisor / leader
- Sunday School teacher
- Sunday School occasional helper
- Creche teacher
- Creche occasional helper
- Be part of the Prayer Chain

Parish Resources & Leadership

- Finance Committee
- Building & grounds help
 - gardening
 - church clean-ups
 - painting
- Vestry

Visibility

- help with publicity for church events
- take photos to share for publicity

Other: _____

If you have a specific gift, like woodworking, which might be helpful to the church on occasion, let us know about it!

Signed: _____

This portion of the pledge card will be given to leaders of areas you volunteered, and they will contact you if you are not already involved with that ministry.

My Pledge of Time

- I pledge to give to God the honour due God by attending a service of worship once a week unless unavoidably prevented.
- I pledge to give God the honour due by regular prayer at home.
- I pledge to continue in the apostle's teachings, by attending a class / Bible study / compline & book group.
- I pledge to seek and serve Christ in others, attending fellowship gatherings and welcoming visitors / angels in our midst.
- I pledge to be responsible to knowing about the life and ministry of my Christian community by reading the announcements / newsletter.

Signed: _____

My Pledge of Treasure

I pledge to give back to God a portion of the earthly treasure God has given me. My financial gift to God through All Saints' Church for 2014 is:

Euro €: _____

please choose one:

- via Euro € Standing Order Bank Transfer to:
KBC 734-0226514-28
- via Pledge Envelopes

or

US Dollar \$: _____

please choose one:

- via US Dollar \$ Transfer (please contact our Treasurer for instructions)
- via Pledge Envelopes

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Signed: _____