

ST GEORGE'S PARKTOWN

Dedicated Giving

Dear Parishioner,

The new DG year begins on the 1st July.

Covid has had a dramatic effect on all our lives - bereavement, loss of jobs and income, loss of freedom, separation from loved ones and isolation. Responsible citizens have adhered to Government protocols and St George's has certainly played our part. We immediately changed our means of teaching and worship from in-person to digital and have been able to update the equipment we needed thanks to generous donations from parishioners. We opened under the relevant restrictions when we could and our leadership have worked long hours to ensure that we have been fed spiritually throughout the restrictions. We owe our gratitude to our wonderful clergy, law staff and helpers for their tireless efforts to supply our vital spiritual needs over this dreadful time.

Unfortunately Covid has disrupted much of our lives including the ability to communicate and in particular to hold meetings which included Vestry. Consequently the previously elected council has continued in situ and communication re DG has been confined to digital.

Despite all the challenges most parishioners have continued to give, some have increased their commitment and although some have ceased or left we have some new givers in their place. However, collections and rental income are well down; collections due to the cancellation of services and rental due to the fall in demand for accommodation and therefore the drop in the levels of rental.

Measures have, and still are, being put in place to reduce expenses but staff and related costs constitute the vast majority of our costs, so unless we reduce the services that we provide, we are unable to cut costs significantly further.

Consequently we expect a *loss of R 400 000* for the year. Fortunately we have reserves and cash to absorb this for the year but these are limited and we cannot continue relying on reserves. We need to either increase our income or downsize our ministry offerings.

Now it is our turn to express our support for the church, particularly St George's, and to the team that have supplied our needs during this pandemic.

I have attached a summary of the relevant financial information over the past 3 years for your information. Our sincere thanks go to all our regular givers who have supported us during this time, it has been inspirational to record this wonderful contribution.

As we look to the new Dedicated Giving year and prepare to commit our resources, we ask that you consider committing to St George's. Those who already do so, once again thank you, if you are able to continue or increase your giving please do, and if you are not yet a regular giver we encourage you to consider becoming one.

If you intend to give in the coming year please complete the form that will be sent to you so we can update our records and plan for the year ahead. Please note that the form merely records your intention and is not binding in any way.

In closing; St George's is our church and its future is in our hands.

Kind regards

Colin Robinson

Director DG

<u>ST GEORGES PARISH PARKTOWN</u>			
<u>Details of dedicted giving for the years ended June</u>			
<u>Details</u>	<u>Jun-19</u>	<u>Jun-20</u>	<u>Jun-21</u>
Total Giving	1 825 000	1 804 000	1 785 000
Number of givers over R 50 000	8	7	5
Amount given	623 000	581 000	520 000
Percentage of total	34	32	29
<p>St Georges has for many years depended upon giving from a small number of elderly givers. Unfortunately several of these givers have either left the parish or passed on and the effect of our reliance on them is illustrated above. A major concerning factor is that we are now reliant upon 5 of them for over R500 000, or 29% of our income.</p> <p>There are currently 150 active givers</p>			

Detail	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Income	2 920	2 767	2 347	2 159	2 225
Expenditure	2 410	2 684	2 271	2 353	2 675
Profit/(Loss)	510	83	76	-193	-450

