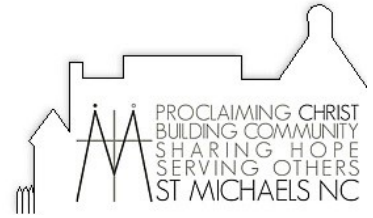


# Parish Council Finance Report

October 2019



We are so thankful to God that we have been blessed with another year of generous, regular financial giving. We have been able to pay off the foyer loan and are debt-free. Generous one-off financial gifts given in recent years towards our vision goals will supplement our 3-year plan to move toward new levels of regular giving to sustain our current staffing levels beyond 2021.

Last month, Parish Council adopted a new ministry budget (beginning October 1) with a target of a **5% increase** in income over the next 12 months. Please prayerfully consider **whether you can increase** your regular offerings in this period. See our guidance on financial giving at <http://www.stmichaelsnc.org.au/electronic-giving/> and download the flyer via the link on that webpage.

Full details of the increase in on-going costs will be available at the Annual Meeting on 14 November (7pm). There are also some extra one-off items we could purchase, but have not included in the budget. We are keen to know if any parishioners might be able and willing to contribute a one-off gift towards any items listed below. Such gifts could be placed in a marked envelope listing the item, marked as a general one-off gift towards any of the items or referenced as such via direct debit:

- Mobile lectern with flexi-microphone – est. \$500-800: to improve the facility for worship leading on Sundays; to fit the need of flexible furniture arrangements for different styles of services, and to ensure better clarity and volume when presenting from the microphone at the front of the church.
- TV screen/kiosk in foyer with scrolling notices— est. \$500: to help to inform people who pass through or visit our church foyer in knowing the many activities and ministries offered by our church community.
- Storage solution for playgroup toys & equipment – est. \$5000: cabinets to be replaced in the entry to the Williams Hall to facilitate adequate, clean, accessible storage for essential weekly equipment needed to conduct our Tuesday playgroup ministry.
- Training for office assistant in web/social media communications (e.g. 2-day course) – est. \$1500: to up-skill our office assistant so that we can more effectively use web-based media communications to help new people connect and help church members be better informed and resourced.

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