

Finance Update



We are **now four months into** our church's financial year, having budgeted for a **5% increase** in income from offerings over the next 12 months. This target is part of a bigger story of faith, working towards sustaining our current staffing and expenses fully by end of 2021. Our treasurer reports that we are currently **approximately \$9000 behind** in income against budget. While it's not unusual to have some reduction in income over Dec-Jan, it's important to keep the congregation informed and encourage action where it can be taken to help us realize our vision.

- ⇒ If you are **already committed** to regular giving (especially via electronic direct debit) please continue, and consider whether an increase for 2020 is possible.
- ⇒ If you are **yet to commit** to regular giving (even a small amount per month) please prayerfully consider doing so.
- ⇒ If giving **one-off gifts** when you can is your way, then prayerfully consider a gift soon to help your church carry out its plans for 2020.
- ⇒ If you are **experiencing hardship or uncertainty** please feel no obligation or compulsion to give now, but do pray for God's provision for you and your church.

For some pastoral guidance about financial giving is at www.stmichaelsnc.org.au/electronic-giving/ - download the flyer via the link on that page. Bank account details for electronic giving are as follows:

Acc. Name: ST MICHAEL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

BSB: 063114

Acc. #: 10078845

Last year some people gave gifts towards some one-off projects above our budget targets. \$500 was given towards the Info TV screen in the foyer, and \$1150 was given towards training in on-line communications for our office assistant (soon to be undertaken). Quotes for best options for other wish-list items such as a mobile lectern with microphone and storage for playgroup equipment are being sought. A donation for a long-planned water tank to supplement garden watering has been given, with the installation to begin shortly. For more information don't hesitate to speak to the churchwardens.

Steve Webster
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