

It's about more than money

We are a welcoming and hospitable community, sharing our riches of tradition, tranquility and stability, in the church building, in the churchyard and beyond.

We need your help to provide that welcome.

Talk to Sally or any of our PCC members to find out more.

Who's who at St Andrew's:



How many days of St Andrew's life can you support in 2023?

£5/week = 3.5 days

£40/month = 6.5 days

£20/week = 14 days

Days when we can:

- Welcome people into a warm, well-maintained historic building
- Welcome people into a tidy, tranquil churchyard
- Worship our loving God together
- Build community by chatting and sharing cake
- Pray for one another and our local community
- Engage with people who join our services online
- Celebrate Easter, Christmas and other important events
- Provide baptisms, weddings and funerals for anyone in our parish
- Share the Good News of Jesus with local schools
- Contribute to work of charities locally and around the world
- Join with Christians from across Swindon and Bristol to show God's love to our community

Stewardship 2023

Keeping St Andrew's alive for the North Swindon community



www.nschurch.org.uk

Giving page:





No one likes talking about money but, as 2 Corinthians says 'Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.' This makes sense as we need money to provide for our community.

Our costs include paying for our building, our churchyard, our contribution towards our vicar (we currently only pay about ¼ of Sally's costs, Bristol Diocese pays the rest), heating, lighting and more.

We estimate it will cost £27,109 to keep going in 2023. That's £521.33 a week or £74.47 a day – 2.5 times our current regular weekly giving.

Across the CofE, the average given by a regular giving household per week is £14.80 (£19.33 for Bristol diocese). Ours is £7.21.

We aren't giving enough to keep going – we need your help.

It would take four donations of £12 each week to cover our heating bill alone.

Not everyone can afford the same – the church is for everyone. We go through seasons in life when we are able to give or need to receive and we are grateful for all donations. One way to cover our costs would be:

Households giving	Per week
10	£5
10	£10
10	£15
5	£20
3	£25
1	£50

Take time to think

It's easy to get into the habit of paying the same amount each week or month. Take a little time to think about your contribution.

£10 a week would pay for our current children's work.

How to donate

Please help St Andrew's thrive as a living church by thinking about your contribution and returning this form **by 19 March** – put it in the box at church, post it to Susan Smith, 8 Wicks Close, Swindon SN25 1QH, or email your details to Susan on treasurer@nschurch.org.uk

Your details:

- Name(s):
- Address:
- Email:

From 1 April I/we will give:

£ _____ a week/month (*delete inapplicable*) by:

- Parish giving scheme (see giving page at nschurch.org.uk)
 - Standing order (the treasurer will contact you with details)
 - Weekly giving envelopes
- For tax payers: I will use Gift Aid to increase my donation at no cost