

ST JOHN'S PARISH PRAYER

God our father send your Holy Spirit upon the people of this parish.

Give us a greater love for all.

Make us more compassionate for the sick, the lonely and all in need, more zealous in the inspiration of the young, more concerned about the wider mission of the Church and more generous in our giving of service and money.

Help each one of us to know what we ought to do, and give us strength and courage faithfully to do it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PLANNED GIVING COMMITMENT and DIRECT DEBIT REQUEST FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE SHADED SECTION AND, IF APPROPRIATE, 1 OF THE 2 DIRECT DEBIT SECTIONS, PLACE COMPLETED FORM IN CONFIDENTIAL ENVELOPE AND POST OR PLACE IN THE BOX IN THE CHURCH FOYER.

Amount of regular gift.....\$ _____

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| Frequency of giving:
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Fortnightly
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly (15 th of each month)
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly (15 th Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually (15 th Jun) | Payment method:
<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Banking (arrange personally)
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Debit from Bank Account
(Complete section below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Debit from Credit Card
(Complete section over page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Envelopes (Collect packet from foyer) | Payment period:
<input type="checkbox"/> Until further notice
Or
<input type="checkbox"/> Until __ / __ / __ |
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I/We request you, Sydney Diocesan Secretariat, to arrange for funds to be debited from my/our nominated bank or credit card account with the financial institution shown below and credited to St John's Anglican Church, Gordon.
 (DELETE THIS REQUEST, IF NOT USING DIOCESAN DIRECT DEBIT.)

- New Application Change of Existing Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

I/We have read and accept the terms of the Service Agreement overleaf (DELETE IF NOT USING DIOCESAN DIRECT DEBIT.)

ACCOUNT SIGNATURE(S)

DIRECT DEBIT FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION _____

BRANCH NO. (BSB) - ACCOUNT NO.

ACCOUNT NAME _____

PLEASE DEBIT \$ _____ Payment frequency Weekly Fortnightly Monthly Quarterly Annually

PURPOSE OF PAYMENT _____

COMMENCING: Immediately OR / /

ACCOUNT SIGNATURE(S)

DATE

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St John's Parish Strategic Plan – key points

VISION

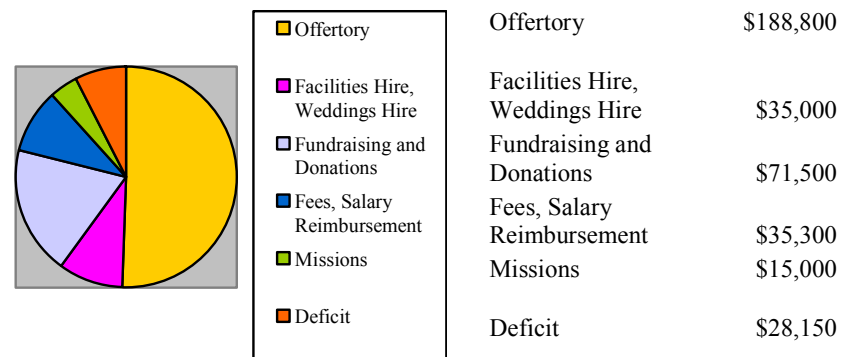
Believing that we are called by God as his people in this place, we are committed to being a vibrant community of people of all ages, worshipping God joyfully, being actively engaged with the broader community, and being faithful in ministry and stewardship of the Gospel.

GOALS AND THE STRATEGIES TO GIVE EFFECT TO THEM

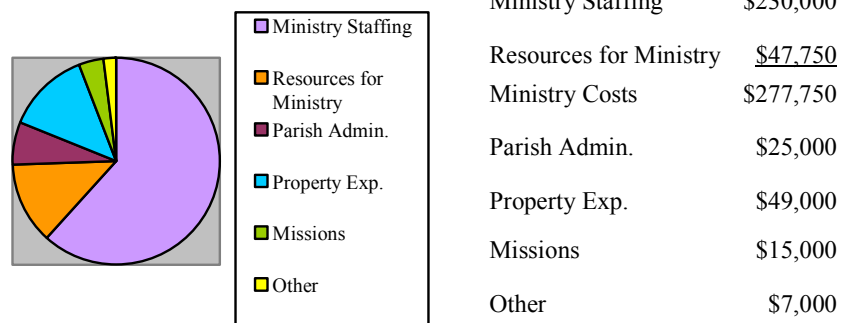
1. Energise the spiritual core of St John's, enabling individuals to feel God in their lives.
 - Create more opportunities for spiritual growth
 - Leverage our musical capabilities to attract worshippers and deepen the spiritual experience
2. Become a more open and inclusive church, strengthening the ties between parishioners and sustaining newcomers.
 - Hold activities/initiatives which allow the congregations to get to know each other
3. Expand the appeal of St John's to build a more diverse parish of supportive communities.
 - Encourage families with young children to participate in church life
 - Build fellowship opportunities for people in the workforce
 - Make St John's more appealing for different ethnic groups
 - Maintain and expand activities for the retiree age group
4. Build stronger links with the broader community.
 - Use our premises to hold community-oriented activities
 - Expand our pastoral care capabilities
 - Leverage our history to connect with the community and ensure our church fabric is maintained
5. Promote St John's more effectively.
 - Upgrade our printed communications
 - Develop our website
 - Develop a media relations strategy
 - Build a contact strategy with local MPs, Ku-ring-gai councillors and municipal organisations
6. Generate increased financial resources.
 - Build the congregation
 - Review commercial arrangements
 - Establish Heritage Trust Fund
7. Build our people resources.
 - Expand the number of clergy
 - Appoint a part-time youth worker
 - Identify the skills and experience within the parish
 - Encourage leadership

What is St John's financial budget?

BUDGETED INCOME 2006



BUDGETED EXPENDITURE 2006



Our Offertory should cover Ministry Costs. However, as shown above, the shortfall this year will be \$88,950 (\$277,750 - \$188,800).

If you have any questions about the financial information above, please contact St John's Treasurer, James Winter, mob. 0411 752 802.

Giving to St John's, Gordon

Please carefully consider and select one of the following, complete the appropriate sections of the tear-off form and return the form in the confidential envelope:

- ❖ **Direct Debit or Credit Card** – You authorise, via the Diocesan service provider the Glebe Investor Centre, St John's Gordon regularly to debit from your bank account or credit card.
 - ✓ **Action: Complete the attached tear-off form, and return it as indicated.**
- ❖ **Internet Banking** – You have complete control over all aspects of your giving by using internet banking to make a regular funds transfer direct to St John's Gordon
 - ✓ **Action: Complete the attached tear-off form (first section only) and use your Internet banking to set up a regular payment to St John's Church Gordon (BSB 032-083; Account number: 810231).**

Other ideas ...

- ❖ Cash in envelopes – Use dated envelopes (collect a set from the church foyer) to help you give cash or cheques regularly at church.
- ❖ Ask your employer to direct a specific portion of your pay directly to the St John's Gordon bank account (details above).
- ❖ Add to your giving a few dollars to cover the relevant fees and charges for electronic transactions to cover the costs to the church.

The fees and charges payable as at 1 April 2006 are:

▪ \$0.30 for each direct debit transaction	▪ 2.49% for each credit card transaction
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Now, please tear off and complete the Planned Giving Commitment (first section) of the form and, if appropriate, either the “*Direct debit from your bank account*” or “*Direct debit from your credit card*” section. →→→→→

Why should I give?

The Scriptures say that God's people should give because:

- ❖ Giving is a grateful response to the **generosity** of God, shown in the death of his Son. (**2 Corinthians 8-9**)
- ❖ We are **partners** in God's Gospel. (**Philippians 1:3-7**)
- ❖ We have an **obligation** to provide for those who labour among us in the Lord and who teach is God's word. (**1 Corinthians 9, Timothy 5: 17-18**)

How much should I give?

The Old Testament instructed God's people to give a tenth of all they had in response to his kindness and grace. Whilst a tenth may be difficult in today's environment, the emphasis in the New Testament is on generosity and sacrifice.

Paul offers some very useful guidelines for the Christians in Corinth worthy of careful consideration:

- ❖ “On the first day of every week, each one of you should **set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income**, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.” (**1 Corinthians 16:2**)
- ❖ “Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and **whoever sows generously will also reap generously.**” (**2 Corinthians 9:6**)