

Gifts and Offerings

In addition to the tithe, scripture also mentions gifts, and thanks and praise offerings. Thus, designated gifts, memorial offerings, and praise and thanksgiving offerings are also made to the Church by individual members, as the Spirit leads, but these are above and beyond the tithe.

Direct Debit

St. Aidan's offers parishioners direct debit, a way of having your tithe deducted automatically from your bank account monthly. Please see sheets at the inside glass doors of the church.

Taxes and giving

You receive back from Revenue Canada \$52 (26%) on your first \$200 of charity giving. For every \$1,000 you give in your tithe thereafter the taxman reimburses you \$464 (46.4%)

Financial Accountability

At St. Aidan's there are several measures in place to ensure accountability and good stewardship of our financial resources. The annual budget is proposed by Corporation, on advice from the Finance Committee. It is then approved by Vestry, and adopted by the Congregation at the Annual General Meeting in February. Vestry receives a monthly financial report from the Treasurer, and regular financial updates are provided to the Congregation through summary statements in the Church bulletin. The year-end financial statements are verified to ensure that they are accurate, and are available to everyone.

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**Our tithes and offerings
enable us to uphold what
we value.**

At St. Aidan's...

We value inspiring worship, which is evangelical, sacramental, and charismatic.

We value biblical, orthodox teaching, that is scripture-based and life-related.

We value prayer which must under gird and be at the foundation of all that we do.

We value loving relationships which can be fostered through pastoral care, small groups, and fellowship events.

We value healing of body, soul and spirit through the power of Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

We value gift-oriented ministry of the whole people of God through spiritual gifts.

We value ministry to three age-specific groups - seniors, youth, and children.

We value reaching out beyond our borders with the Good News and love of Christ through evangelism and ministry to the challenged and disadvantaged.



To know
Christ and to
make Him
known

Tithing and Giving

"Since the people began to bring their contributions to the temple of the Lord, we have had enough to eat and plenty to spare, because the Lord has blessed his people, and this great amount is left over."





Tithing and Giving: God's Challenge and Promise to YOU

Tithing - 10% off the top. We give to God the first fruits of our toil as an act of trust that he will continue to provide the other 90%

What is Tithing?

Tithing is a personal act of faith in which we return to God the first 10% of our income, for His use, through the local church congregation to which we belong. We do so confident that He will, in turn, bless us just as He promised (Malachi 4: 8-12; Hebrews 11:6). Believers are commanded to tithe in both the Old and the New Testaments.

Our heavenly Father feels so strongly about tithing that, at the close of the Old Testament, He challenged us to tithe, and discover the blessings which will flow -

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this (says the Lord) and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it.” Malachi 3:10

Tithing is:

- ✦ Pleasing to God and the right thing to do (*Genesis 4:3-7*).
- ✦ A concrete way of demonstrating we belong to God (*Genesis 14:20*)
- ✦ A spiritual discipline (*Matthew 6:3*).
- ✦ A concrete manifestation of Christian love (*2 Corinthians 9:12*).
- ✦ An act of worship (*Genesis 14:20*).
- ✦ An act of obedience (*1 Corinthians 16:1-2*).
- ✦ A way of unlocking God's blessings on your life (*Malachi 3:10*).
- ✦ God's practical way for providing for the needs of His Church (*Numbers 18:21*).
- ✦ A way of ordering our priorities by putting God first (*Matthew 6: 19-34*).
- ✦ A joyful experience (*2 Corinthians 9:7*).

Tithing is not:

- ✦ A substitute for a close spiritual walk with God (*Isaiah 1: 10-17*).
- ✦ An end in itself (*Matthew 23:23*).

When we tithe:

As we give to God the first fruits of our income, and begin to experience His blessing, we discover that we have the means to give to those who ask of us, and thus receive even more of God's blessings in our lives (*Luke 6:38*).

How is the tithe used at St. Aidan's?

(Approximate Budget percentages)

Pastoral Salaries: (Including benefits and travel for Rector, Priest-Associate; Youth Director ³/₄ time; Children's Ministry Director, part-time): **45%**

Music Ministry: (Salaries for Worship Arts Director, Choir Director, Organist, two Band-Leaders—all part-time): **8%**

Church programmes: (resources for worship, Christian education, youth, fellowship, music, evangelism, etc.): **6%**

Buildings and grounds: (Caretaking Services, maintenance, utilities, equipment, insurance): **13%**

Parish Administration: (Administrator, part-time; Office Secretary, 1/2 time; Accountant, part-time; office supplies; audit; bank charges): **15%**

Outreach: (Including St. Aidan's School, Pioneer Camp, Northern and Overseas Missions, Short-term missions Diocesan & National Church Administration): **13%**

Total Parish Budget: **100%**