"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

- Malachi 3:10





Christ Church Vienna



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2024-25



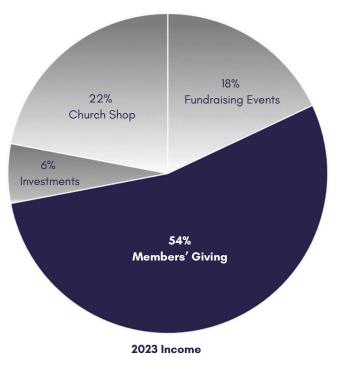
A Call to Stewardship

Over many years, our church has been blessed by the generosity of its members and the wider community. It is entirely self-supporting, receiving no financial support from either the UK or Austria. On the contrary, we are subject to full taxation in Austria. On top of this, we pay a contribution of up to 10% of our income to the Diocese of Europe, and another 10% as a voluntary tithe to our chosen charities.

We have been able to do this because our regular income from planned giving by members (54%) is supplemented by income from fundraising activities, based on voluntary work by many members and non-members, foremost among them the shop (22%) and the street party, bazaar, book sales and AfricaNight (18%).



Sustaining our Mission through your generosity





Our Goal

While our current streams of income are admirable and welcome, they are subject to many risks and fluctuations and thus they are not a sound and sustainable basis for the life of the church. And even with the income from fundraising, we are doing no more than breaking even!

Ideally, our operating expenses (90%) should be covered by our dependable regular income, leaving the income from fundraising to finance our sharing, new growth initiatives and investments, and to replenish our reserves (from which we are taking more than € 70.000 in 2024 & 2025 for investments in church fabric, heating and the organ).

Our target for the **Stewardship Campaign in 2024** is to raise the share of planned giving by members from 54% currently (it has been just over 50% for many years) to <u>a new level of 75%.</u> We would then still be dependent on fundraising, but to a lesser degree, and we would at least have caught up with inflation.

Achieving this target will mean raising the total contributions from members by \in 50.000 per year. For the 100 or so families who currently contribute, this would mean, for example, that those who now contribute \in 50 per month would contribute \in 68 per month, and those contributing \in 200 per month would contribute \in 270 per month. For those who are new to Christ Church, this is roughly how our members contribute currently:

€ 10 - € 99 per month 70 families € 100 - € 499 per month 30 families € 500 - € 1.100 per month <5 families

Please give prayerful consideration to the place that the worship and fellowship of Christ Church occupies in your life and what your circumstances allow you to contribute regularly.