

FOR GOD'S GLORY

Hearts focused on
God's desire for His church



ST DAVIDS 2025

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

There are so many encouraging ways God has been at work maturing and transforming us this year. Here's just a few highlights:

My family and I have been part of this church for a little over a year now, and we've felt so welcomed from the start. Joining the Sound team a few months ago was initially a bit daunting, but it's helped me feel more connected and given me a meaningful way to actively contribute to our community.

The support from Josh and Jimmy has been fantastic—there's a genuine sense of camaraderie on the team that makes serving together a joy. I'm really grateful to be part of the team and to play a small role in helping the Good News go out!

Simon Keefe

I've been coming to St David's for over 10 years, and I've grown up here, spending my childhood and all of my youth coming to this church and being a part of its community each Friday, serving at 180 and attending Element and Sunday services. I am so thankful to God for the amazing community this church has and the countless ways everyone is so eager to help serve and encourage one another.

This year I've been so encouraged by the weekly chats with the year 11 and 12 boys Growth Group, as we've delved into passages, talked off on long (but insightful) tangents, and continued to encourage each other every week we meet.

Nick Bayl

God has truly provided and blessed me all through my life, however this has never been more clear to me than over the last 2 years; since I was welcomed into the 8am service at St David's. During this time I've had two serious family situations which I could not have coped with on my own! God certainly provided special friends for me who were there at just the time I was at my lowest, a hug, beautiful words and prayers lifted and sustained me!

Helen Meillon





And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:17

We are thankful to God for the way He is bringing new families to 180 to hear the Word! With the help of the invitation cards, our Tom (Yr5) invited his friend from school to come along with him. Praise God, Tom's friend attended in Term 3 and loved it, along with his younger sister. They even brought home a copy of the New Testament. We pray they continue to grow in their knowledge of Christ's love for them. 180 is an amazing outreach opportunity as well as an important community for younger families in the area. We are grateful for the way God is using St David's young leaders to serve, share the gospel and engage with our kids! Thanks Sarah and team.

Jono and Georgie Hale

As a Growth Group leader, I have enjoyed opening up the Bible and hearing personal reflections from my sisters in Christ each week. Its been a joy to share our lives together, to be vulnerable and praying for each other through the joys and griefs that life brings.

What has encouraged me is to see my group praying openly for one another, some of them for the very first time.

God continues to humble me as I serve Him, reminding me always, that it's not of my own strength and that God deserves all the glory. He reminds me to look to the interests of others before my own so when leading the study I can nurture the spiritual walk of the women of my group as the most important thing.

Priscilla Seeto

I am grateful to God for revealing himself to me through Christianity Explored. He has left me with a thirst to know more about him and for a deep desire to have a relationship with him - to know him and for him to know me (warts and all). My journey has given me a new appreciation for all the things in my life I used to take for granted - my family, career, friends, my home and where I have the privilege to live - and to know that all of these things are down to the simple grace of God, and for that alone he deserves my prayer and praise.

Daniel Galda



This is only a fraction of God's work in 2025. There are so many more stories of Him transforming our lives. Praise God!
Scan here to read more stories from our church family...

OUR VISION

To see God glorified
as thousands
are being transformed by Jesus
in the Forest and beyond.

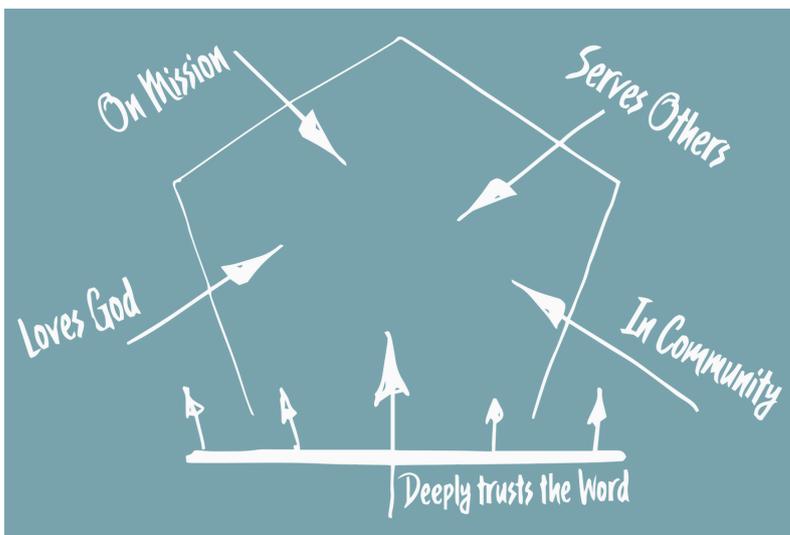
We praise God that Jesus continues to transform our lives, and the lives of those in the Forest and beyond.

In God's kindness, He continues to grow us, as individuals and as a church, in both maturity and number. It's been so encouraging to see many in our church being challenged and comforted by God's Word and deciding to make sacrificial decisions for Jesus.

Our 8am and 10am gatherings have remained stable in number, while our 5.15pm gathering has grown substantially in 2025. We praise God for all the new people who have joined us this year: some looking for a new church to call home, others investigating Jesus, and some putting their trust in Jesus this year!

God is at work among us! Our prayer is that many more in the Forest and beyond would experience God's love and transformative work in their lives. Astonishingly, there are over 113,000 people just 10 minutes drive from St David's, and many of them are currently missing out on enjoying a relationship with our great God and instead are destined for His eternal justice.

Under God, will you join us to see more people transformed by Jesus as they mature as disciples and are eternally saved?



OUR TEAM IN 2026



Jon Kwan
*Serves Others +
Lead Pastor*



Scott Taylor
*Deep in the Word +
On Mission
8 + 10 Focus Pastor*



Cath Young
*Deep in the Word +
In Community*



Josh Bishop
*Loves God + Youth
5.15 Focus Pastor*



Sarah Bishop
Kids



Marina Blythe
Administration

Our current team will continue to lead us in the same areas of ministry as in 2025. Additionally in 2026, we want to increase our focus on training and global mission.

Training

Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few". We're convinced of Jesus' words and want to train up the next generation of gospel workers for God's kingdom.

Praise God, both Gracie and Tamsin have raised their hands to be trained as full time trainees for the next 2 years. This is sacrificial for both of them and we want to support them in this. As a church we will raise just over half of their funds, and they will externally raise the other half.



Gracie Seeto
*Ministry Trainee
2026-2027*



Tamsin Scouller
*Ministry Trainee
2026-2027*

Global mission

While our global mission policy has changed to be a set amount rather than a percentage, we want to increase the number of mission partners we support as a church. So excitingly, we are currently in conversation with the Church Missionary Society (CMS) to start partnering with a missionary/family preparing to go into the field in 2026, to see a world that knows Jesus.

We also want to keep saving towards our Intergenerational Ministry House fund to purchase a house in our area to provide stability for the Lead Pastor for generations to come. You could also choose to give a one-off gift (in addition to your regular giving) to this fund.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to speak to one of our wardens:
Tim Scouller (5.15pm), Rob Smithies (5.15pm), Steve Barnett (10am)

Or to one of our Parish Council members:

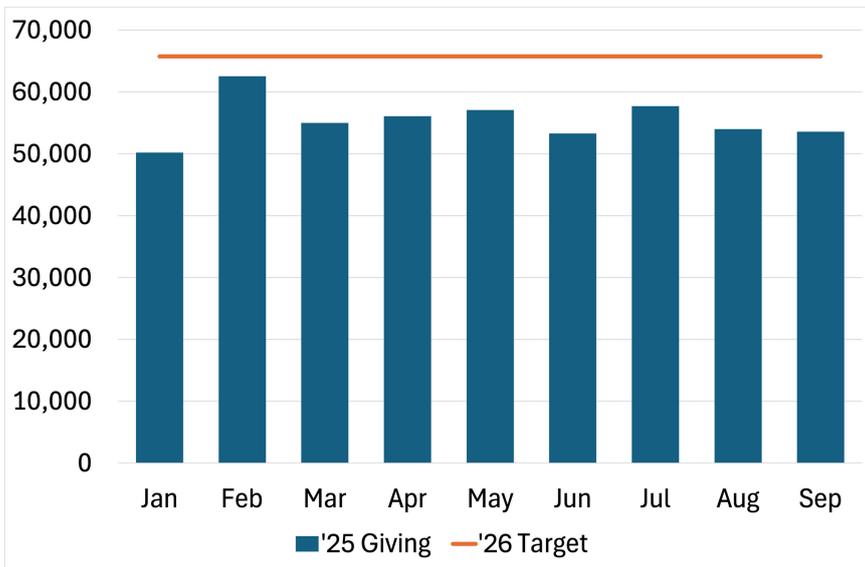
Josh Blythe (10am), Tom Dethlefs (10am), Brooke Atkin (5.15pm), Penny Stanbury (5.15pm)



WHAT WILL THIS MEAN FOR US IN 2026?

St David's members financially partnering with us is one key way for us to continue to seek to see lives transformed for God's glory in 2026.

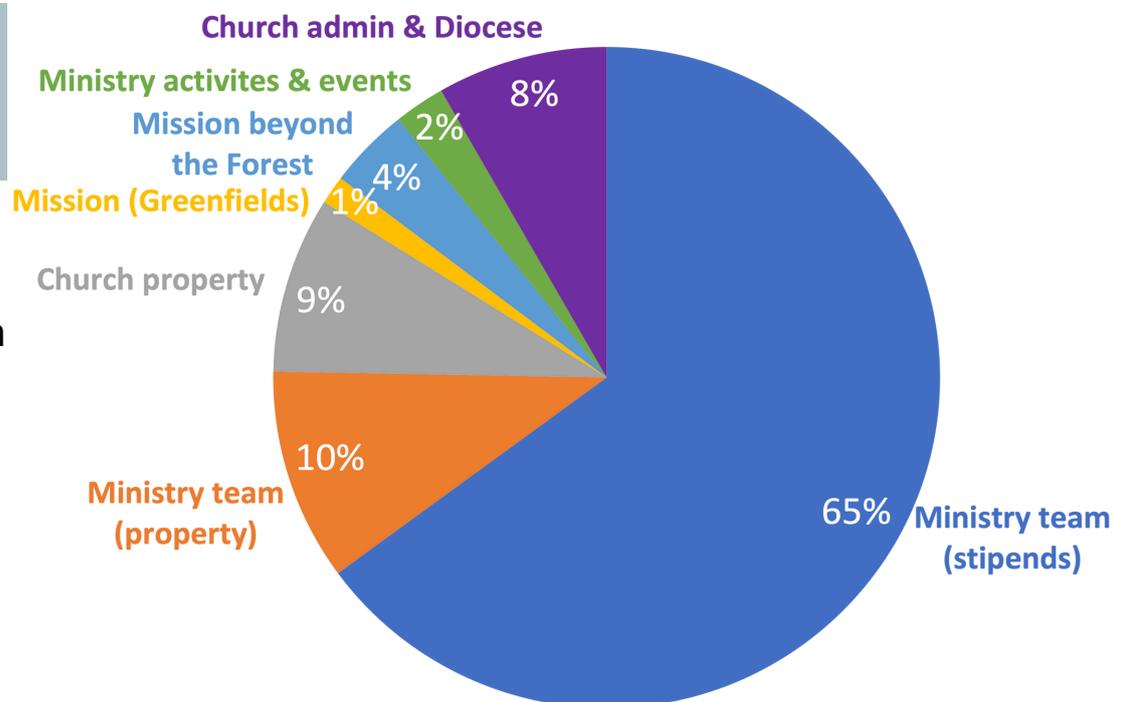
To help us achieve this, we need to reach an operations target of **\$789,200** for 2026. We are asking every member of St David's to prayerfully **pledge** towards this target, so that we can go ahead with these plans with a high level of confidence that we will have the necessary funds available.



Under God, our giving target will be **\$65,767** per month. This is 19% higher than our current average giving in 2025. We praise God that our average Sunday attendance is 5% higher than 2024. Join us in prayer that we will all partner in generosity together in God's mission to the Forest and beyond.

Operations in 2026

With our target of **\$789,200**, our Parish Council will allocate it in the following manner.



PLEDGE FORM 2026

Please complete this form and place it in the silver box at church or email it to treasurer@stdavids.com.au anytime before **Sunday 9th November 2025**.

If you have any questions please contact our Treasurer, James Smart:
treasurer@stdavids.com.au

Prayerfully decide on your pledge amount

Operations target \$789,200

My pledge towards St David's 2026 operations target:

I would like to give \$ weekly / fortnightly / monthly / annual *
(please circle)

for an annual total amount of \$ * Annual pledge given by
31st July 2026

One-off Gift

My contribution towards St David's 2026 One-Off Gift - *given by 31 December 2025*

I would like to give

\$ <input type="text"/>	Intergenerational Ministry House Purchase (continuing to add to the existing fund of \$86k)
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TOTAL GIFT: \$

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Thank you for partnering with us in 2026

You can set up payments using Direct Transfer from your bank account

Account Name: St David's Anglican Church Forestville

BSB: 062 170 Account Number: 10160734

- I plan to set up my regular **OPERATIONS** giving Direct Transfer to commence on (date) ____ / ____ / ____ .
Reference OPS
- I plan to set up my one off **GIFT** via Direct Transfer by (date) ____ / ____ / ____
Reference GIFT

Your contact details

Name/s:

Mobile:

Email:

Signature/s: Date:

Which gathering do you attend? 8am / 10am / 515pm Please circle

This pledge is representative of: An Individual / A Family Please circle

Please fill in and return this form by 9th November

In person: place it in the **silver box** at the back of the church

Email: treasurer@stdavids.com.au

Our Treasurer will keep your form on file, but don't forget to keep a copy of your pledge details for yourself.

Pledge forms will only be seen by the treasurer and a warden (if required).

Ministry team members will have access to a list of pledge names only.