



CHRIST CHURCH

THE ANGLICAN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VIENNA

15 May 2021

Dear All,

I hope and trust you and your loved ones are healthy and that you are weathering the pandemic well. In different ways the pandemic has been a challenging time for all of us. On behalf of Christ Church I am contacting you directly to ask for your support for our stewardship campaign, which the church has been running over the last few weeks.

The church's finances have been affected by the pandemic. Last year the shop was either closed or open under limiting restrictions. Furthermore, although the annual bazaar did take place it was run as a pop-up shop rather than the mega event we have become accustomed to. Fortunately in 2019 we held a stewardship campaign where a good number of regular givers moved to standing orders. This was a Godsend given the pandemic, as the church was closed and when reopened numbers were limited to 50, then 10 and finally 40 at any one service, which has had an impact on open collections. During 2020 we were quick to invest in the equipment needed to stream our church services over Zoom and Facebook and have been doing so since June. When considering the impact of the pandemic on the church you will find the members of Christ Church have met the challenges with creativity, commitment and prayer: a community of faith. There is a story to tell.

The purpose of this year's stewardship campaign is to put our finances on a surer and more lasting financial footing therewith making us less reliant on bazaar and shop income to cover our expenditure. We realise that this is best done by calling on all to play their part and we invite you to do so after considering the points outlined and to respond prayerfully and joyfully. In order to achieve our aims we are asking all members, friends, associates and those who simply appreciate the church's presence in Vienna to support us financially on a regular basis by means of a standing order. Those who are already doing so we ask to review their giving. Attached to the email is the pledge form.

There are three opportunities to hear the Treasurer talk about the present state of our finances. This Sunday 16 May after the 10.30am church service and on Monday 17 and Thursday 20 May at 7pm over Zoom www.ccv-services.org Zoom ID 808 226 2476. It would be great if you could come to one of these meetings.

Yours with every good wish and blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Curran". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.