

Jan. 2, 2023

Dear Pledging Members of St. David's,

First, we are very grateful for your ongoing financial support of the parish, which allows us to participate in ministry, support one another, and maintain our Church and Gathering Place as well as the grounds. Our recent Stewardship campaign concluded successfully with broad participation from parishioners, but came in with totals about 9% short of our needs to cover expenses foreseen in the budgeting process.

The Stewardship chairperson, the Treasurer and the Vestry have been working very hard together to devise a budget within those constraints but have fallen short. The biggest expenses, the rector's salary and pension and the maintenance of our buildings, are not very negotiable so we have the option of "nibbling around the edges" at multiple items without great effect, or of increasing the revenue side of the budget. That's us.

That is why I am coming back to you to ask you to consider increasing your pledge as much as you are able to, to help us make up this 9% deficit. Every increase will help us to our goal. I have found that by considering an increase of 10% to my pledge, and then dividing that by 12 I am left with a monthly increase of an amount that I might spend on a meal at a restaurant. For myself, that becomes something that is not too difficult. Each one will have their own calculation and process of discernment, but we ask you each to consider if increasing your pledge is something you can do this year.

With very humble and sincere thanks,

Betsy Swift  
Senior Warden

**From the treasurer:**

Greetings - you are receiving this because you have made a pledge to St. David's for 2023. We started the budget examination before the holidays and are preparing for our Parish meeting which is scheduled for Jan. 22nd. The vestry will meet on Jan. 8th and consider the budget.

As you will read in the attached letter from Betsy, our Senior Warden, we are a bit short. I have made a table to illustrate what a 9% increase would look like based on different pledge levels. If you wish to change your pledge amount, please send me an email before Jan. 8th. If you have any questions, please let me know. I will be printing 2022 pledge statements later this week.

Current Pledge for 2023	9% increase for 2023	Monthly pledge amount
100	109	9.08
500	545	45.42
1000	1090	90.83
1500	1635	136.25
2000	2180	181.67
2500	2725	227.08
3000	3270	272.5
3500	3815	317.92
4000	4360	363.33
4500	4905	408.75
5000	5450	454.17

Thanks for your support and peace be with you this new year.

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Randi Neff, Treasurer