

# St Catherine's Church Stuttgart

*English language worship for people of all nations*



Dear Friends and Members of St. Catherine's Anglican Church,

Harvest traditionally provides us with the opportunity to review our financial giving as part of our giving thanks for God's good gifts: "all things come of you and of your own do we give you".

Our financial stewardship of the mission and ministry of St. Catherine's depends on each and every one of us. We receive no funds from the Church of England, Germany, or USA to support our various ministries, the pastoral care of the congregation, or the costs of having our clergy or Anglican Centre. Whether St. Catherine's grows and thrives is up to us and our 'planned giving'.

'Stewardship' includes all types of service including contributions in the form of money, time, and talent, or ideally, a combination of all three. We all come from different spiritual and cultural backgrounds and we have a variety of ways of thinking about "Stewardship" of the church. Here at St. Catherine's one thing is common. We all seem to share the idea that we are funding more than just maintenance and administrative costs to keep the church running. Our 'planned giving' supports and enables the provision of Christian Education for children and adults, our charitable and outreach projects, our fellowship activities, our welcome of newcomers. It is thanks to all those who have contributed generously over the past years we have a flourishing church with dedicated clergy, our own centre space, a growing Sunday school, inspiring music and regular Christian Education and fellowship programmes. We have also been able to look outwards and have given generously both financially and in kind to the needy locally and overseas.

'Planned Giving' is just that, giving that is prayerfully and mindfully 'planned', circumstances may change, but regardless of the amount you are planning to give, having a plan helps us move forward together as a church community, and helps each of us review our giving on a regular basis as part of our spiritual discipleship and discipline. We have faith in God's plan for us, but we rely on the regular commitment of our members and friends to make that plan happen.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Church Treasurer / Bookkeeper

With grateful acknowledgment of all the good things that God has done for \_\_\_\_\_ *name(s)*, I/we generously plan to give the monthly/annual amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to the work of St. Catherine's

I/we will give my/our donations: by cash in the collection plate / by Überweisung [bank transfer]

The easiest way to give regularly is by setting up a standing order (Dauerauftrag) or if you prefer to make a one-off donation by bank transfer (Überweisung). Please see below for the Church's bank details:

Kontoinhaber (Account holder): Friends of the English Church e.V.

IBAN: IBAN DE39 6009 0100 0587 2530 02

Bank name: Volksbank Stuttgart

If you place cash donations in a named envelope or give via bank transfer we can issue a Spendebescheinigung for your German tax return, providing you give your postal address below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post code / City: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return by e-mail, or by placing a print out of this letter in the collection plate on Sunday.

Email: [finances@stcatherines-stuttgart.de](mailto:finances@stcatherines-stuttgart.de)