



GIFT DAY



2020

FIGTREE ANGLICAN CHURCH



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As I look back over a lifetime of ministry and indeed my association with Figtree Anglican Church for over 17 years - 13 as Senior Minister - I remain astonished as to how God has used his people to ensure that the good news of Jesus has been shared with as many as possible and in as many ways as possible.

For me, this has been captured every year through our annual Gift Day projects. There are things we all value when it comes to our church and the people of God who call Figtree their spiritual home. However, there is one thing that we all hold dear to our hearts, which is captured every year in our family. It is **our pervasive spirit of generosity**.

For many years, this key character, or ingredient, has shaped us in ways that have endured in the lives of the members of Figtree Anglican Church. As your pastor, leader and friend, the words Corrie Ten Boom resonate loudly: *"The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation."* How true.

This leads me to our 2020 Gift Day appeal, which is both shorter and with fewer projects than previous years, while

at the same time still requiring God's people to respond with generous hearts.

As a direct result of JobKeeper, we have been able to not only sustain our ministry and team, but also ensure that we start 2021 in a healthy financial position. Some might say that if this is the case then why even have a Gift Day. A great question.

It would be very easy - and I have also wrestled with this - to not do anything, but I and others have not been settled about such a decision. I want to ensure that we keep the spirit of generosity before our eyes.

One reason for this is the words of Matthew's gospel, which still stir my heart to this very day:

**"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
(Matthew 6:19-21)**

However, I am also mindful that many of our members may be facing added hardship because of the profound change in their lives during this year. Be that as it may, I have strongly felt that as a lasting legacy it is still appropriate as God's people to call out to Him and to seek to raise additional funds that can be used to expand His kingdom both locally and nationally. I believe, with the three projects listed below, it won't take long for you to also see this.

In a world of consumerism, the church is called to be a community of generosity and selflessness. We must

be generous to a fault - people who seek to be faithful, adventurous, and compassionate.

FAC has continually trusted in God for His provision as the ministry needs have been brought before God's people. Our focus has always been that we want to ensure that not only is God building his Kingdom, but that he is also building it at here at Figtree so that we have a spiritual home for future generations to be able to hear the good news of Jesus. May it be so once again in 2020.

Ian Barnett
Senior Minister

Our 2020 Gift Day Projects are:



GOSPEL TEACHERS

Expanding the Kingdom One Nation at a time.

\$20,000 - Anglican Aid Project

Taylor Badirega is the Youth and Children's Minister in the Anglican Diocese of Dogura - one of the poorest diocese in the Milne Bay province of Papua New Guinea.

It's a hard, sacrificial life for Taylor and his family. He doesn't receive any pay for his work, the family grows its own food and relies on receiving occasional gifts such as chickens and eggs.

Identified as a future leader of the Anglican Church in PNG, Taylor will undertake further study at CLTC evangelical college in the PNG Highlands. His wife, Gloria, will join him in studying.

This 2020 Gift Day project aims to raise \$20,000 for Anglican Aid to support Taylor and Gloria through their three years of study, better equipping them as **gospel teachers**. Your support is **nation building kingdom work** in action.

(support for this project is tax-deductible).





GOSPEL WORKERS

Ensuring Future Kingdom Workers.

\$20,000 - The Harvest Fund 410 Interns

Figtree Anglican Church is continuing to write a rich history of training young people for ministry, through its Harvest Fund 410 Intern program. Since 2015, when the program was introduced, our church has invested in training 10 young adults in areas as diverse as youth and children's ministry, creative arts, communications and design, and evangelism, alongside formal theological training and practical ministry instruction.

This 2020 Gift Day project has a target of raising \$20,000 for the 410 Intern program, ensuring that FAC continues to invest in raising up **gospel workers** for the harvest. Your support is **localised kingdom work** in action. *(NB: The current interns have not been able to raise the funds needed due to the impact of Covid).*



GOSPEL CARRIERS

Extending Kingdom Opportunities to the Next Generation.

\$10,000 - Ignite Youth Camp

Our youth and young adult community has absorbed much of the impact of COVID in 2020. It is also a community that has stepped up and served our church in many remarkable and sacrificial ways this year.

Ignite is the annual week-long camp for our youth and young adults. Held in January, it is a critical launchpad for the year. Traditionally, fundraising activities are held over the 12 months leading up to Ignite, to help subsidise the cost of camp for many who otherwise would not be able to go. COVID has prevented this from happening this year.



This 2020 Gift Day project seeks to raise \$10,000, to both help subsidise the cost of camp for individuals and to also offset the additional costs of holding Ignite brought about by COVID. Ignite is a wonderful opportunity to present the life-transforming message of the gospel, and by doing so raise up a new generation of **gospel carriers**. Your support is **next generation kingdom work** in action.



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How to Give

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Online Giving

You can give by credit card at figtree.church/events/giftday or scan the QR code to go directly to the giving page.



Direct Deposit

Give via direct debit into the FAC account. Choose one-off or regular giving. Providing your name is optional, but does assist us to track your giving.

Direct Deposit to: Figtree Anglican Church | BSB: 032 686 | Acc: 141 209

Please use the following Gift Day project codes and include your surname in the reference (eg: *GD IGNT Smith*)

Ignite - GD IGNT

410 Interns - GD INTN

Anglican Aid PNG* - GD PNG

*Giving to the Anglican Aid PNG Project is tax deductible. To receive a tax receipt from Anglican Aid, email accounts@myfac.org.au and include:

Title (Mr/Mrs), First Name, Last Name, Address, Suburb, Postcode, Email.

Church Office

You can also bring your gift to the church office. Please put it in an envelope with the Gift Day project marked on the front, and include your name and contact details if you require a tax receipt. You can also give over the phone via EFTPOS.

For more information or assistance with giving, please email us at: accounts@myfac.org.au or phone 4272 1322 during business hours.