

Charitable donations Policy

Organisations or charities to whom St Andrew's makes donations are established and reviewed each year at an Elders' meeting in December to determine whether the same groups should be supported, some deleted or others added to the list. At the same time each amount is reviewed. The Treasurer is empowered to make those donations during the year, according to the requirements of each organisation.

Sporadic requests for support should be directed to the Church Secretary to be considered at the next Elders' meeting.

The Minister/Pastoral Advisor is empowered to use the Benevolent Fund for specific requests for individuals without reference to the Elders' meeting, although s/he may wish to discuss the amount with the Treasurer and/or Church Secretary.

The total amount donated annually to outside bodies is presented in the annual accounts.

Donations **received** by the church in bequests, for services rendered or for specific purposes will be received by the Church Secretary and reported to the next Elders' meeting. If specific requests for the use of funds are associated with the bequest, the matter will be considered by the Elders' meeting which will decide how best to fulfil that request.

All such donations will be reported in the annual accounts.