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ST PETER'S QUEENSTOWN • ST PAUL'S ARROWTOWN

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Dear Friends

We are writing to thank you for your involvement in the Wakatipu Parish. It's good to have you as part of our church community.

At St Peter's and St Paul's we serve many people in many ways: giving the opportunity for worship to those attending our regular services; sharing the joy of a couple coming to be married or a family bringing their child for baptism; comforting the bereaved. To all these and many more we seek to be a channel of God's love to those looking to our church for help and encouragement.

Our impact is also felt well beyond the church building itself, sometimes to those who may not normally look to the church for help. Often in partnership with others, we are constantly seeking to meet the needs of our wider community, aiming to be the salt and light in the Wakatipu that Jesus challenges us to be.

All this is possible because of the dedicated commitment of time, skills and energy which people bring to our church and also the financial support given week by week. And this is why we are asking for your help today.

Like every household our church needs to keep up with the cost of living. While we are as careful as possible with our funds, expenses like heating, insurance, our clergy and many other day-to-day costs mount up. You may not realise that this comes to a staggering \$4,154 each week (**excluding** ongoing maintenance of church buildings). We receive some money from wedding donations as well as income from Earle Street Trust for the Vicarage. We also receive income from the rental of the Parish Centre and also from fundraising during the year such as our Parish Market Day, cards and donation boxes, but the vast majority comes from regular church members giving faithfully each week through their envelopes or bank direct credit.

So we want to ask you to help us by reading through the information in the enclosed brochure and then by doing two things:-

1. **join** our confidential Planned Giving scheme by completing and returning the enclosed response form in the envelope provided. This means you can give regularly, either by envelopes or by a monthly bank direct credit, whichever is most convenient for you. This is crucial to the ongoing mission of and maintenance of our Parish and allows us to budget for our future. Please return your form on or before our Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 28th August 2016.
2. **think** about how much you give to the Parish of Wakatipu. There is helpful guidance in the enclosed brochure. It may also help you to know that if we are to reach our budgeted increase each person who is currently giving would need to increase their giving by 40% each week. This is why it is so important for more of you to give to our planned giving scheme. Your giving will be another expression of your commitment to our church and our community and it will also help us plan our ministry activities more effectively.

Thank you for responding to this request. We hope and pray that you will join us in regular financial support for our church's ministry. If you would like more information or want to talk this through with someone please do contact us.

Yours in His service

The Reverend Christopher Tweddell  
Vicar

Judythe Thew  
Vicar's Warden

Jan Cockerill  
People's Warden