



Giving Freely!

Diocesan Budget 2018 Presentation
Learning from *Moses and the Israelites*

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It all starts with

God's Command

Exodus 35:4

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God's Command

To Israel:

- Build the tabernacle
- Instructions in great detail



God's Command

To the Diocese of St Mark the Evangelist:

- 1) Make disciples of all our people – our vision
- 2) Community service (using land & buildings)
- 3) Many lay leaders
- 4) Focus on the youth
- 5) Teams of Self-Supporting Clergy
- 6) Stipendiary Rectors

God's Command

Our **budget** is a **strategy** to bring this about

Arranged according to Departments

- 1) Administration
- 2) Bishop's Ministry
- 3) Development
- 4) Growing the Church
- 5) Organisations
- 6) Parish Ministry
- 7) Diocesan Property & Vehicles
- 8) ACSA and Wider Church





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Offering from God's People

Exodus 35:5-19



Offering from God's People

- 1) An appeal to the heart (vs 5)
 - No outside fundraising!
 - No “flat rate” or demand of how much
 - Generous heart
- 2) Things (vs 5-9)
 - Give whatever you *have*
- 3) Skills (vs 10-19)
 - According to *your* gifts





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The Spirit Moved Them

Exodus 35:20-29



The Spirit Moved Them

- 1) Their hearts were stirred (vs 21)
- 2) They gave *sacrificially*
 - Things (vs 22-24, 27-28)
 - Time and skills (vs 25-26, 30-35)
- 3) It was a *freewill* offering
 - They gave to God because they wanted to
 - Over and above their regular tithes





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They Gave Generously

Exodus 36:2-7



They Gave Generously

- 1) They kept bringing more and more (vs 3)
- 2) Until they had too much! (vs 4-5)
- 3) Moses had to *order* them to stop (vs 6-7)

Can we give like that?

- Support those who are struggling
- Beyond survival
 - Mission
 - Ministry
 - Growth

See proposed pledges



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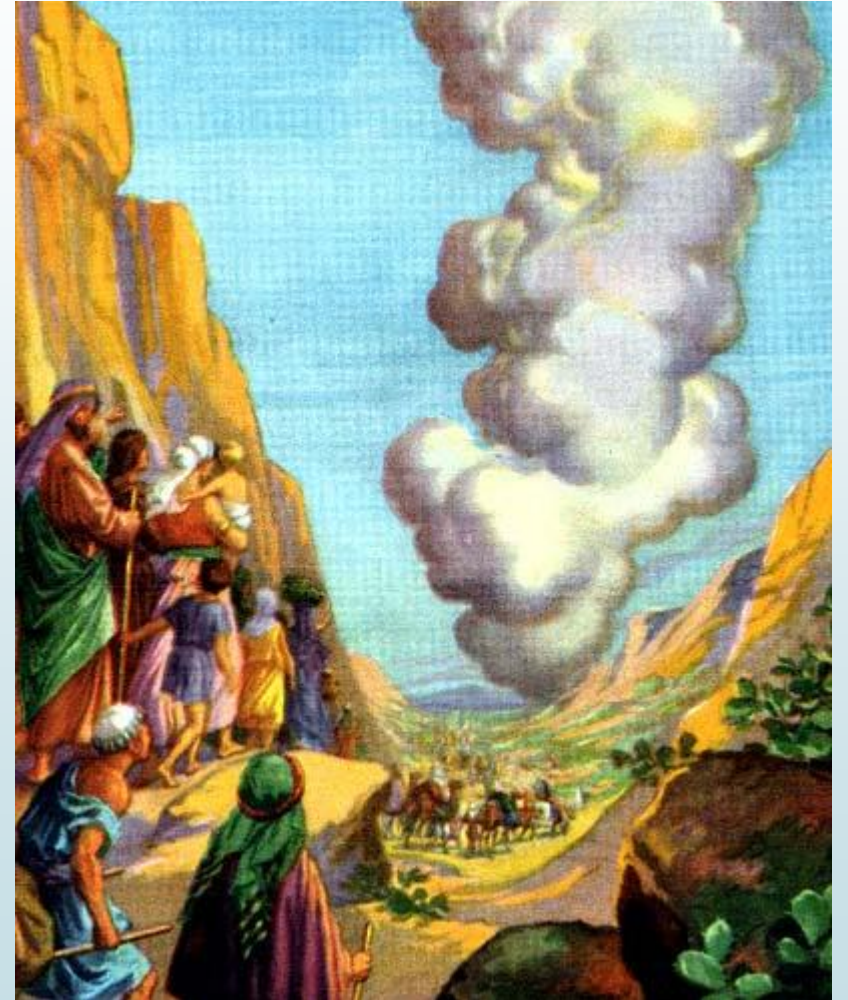
God's Glory Was Released

Exodus 40:34-38



God's Glory Was Released

- 1) God's presence was with them (vs 34-35)
- 2) God led them to the promised land (vs 36-38)





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Conclusion

Psalm 54:6-7



Budget Process



- 1) Budget presentation: 12th August
- 2) Prepare your budgets: from now on
- 3) Budget vestry meeting: by 5th November
- 4) Respond to Archdeacon and Diocesan Office: by 8th November
- 5) DFB – Finalise Budget: 18th November
- 6) DSC – Approve Budget: 25th November

Encouragement

Psalm 54:6-7

True giving

- Is an act of free generosity
- Involves sacrifice
- Is an expression of thankfulness
- Is a response to God's grace

