

Standing Committee Decision Paper

Agenda Item: **Answer of Synod Question on Giving**
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1. Purpose of Information Paper:

To advise Standing Committee of the answer to a question asked at the September 2024 Synod regarding giving relative to a DMAP recommendation.

2. Background:

One of the aspirational recommendations from the DMAP Commission Report was that for a Ministry Unit to be sustainable, the average donation should fall between \$1,500 and \$2,000, with a minimum operating budget of \$280k and a weekly attendance of over 150 contributing parishioners.

Mark George asked at Synod, "How many of our parishes meet the current recommendations in terms of attendance, financially contributing members, and giving income?"

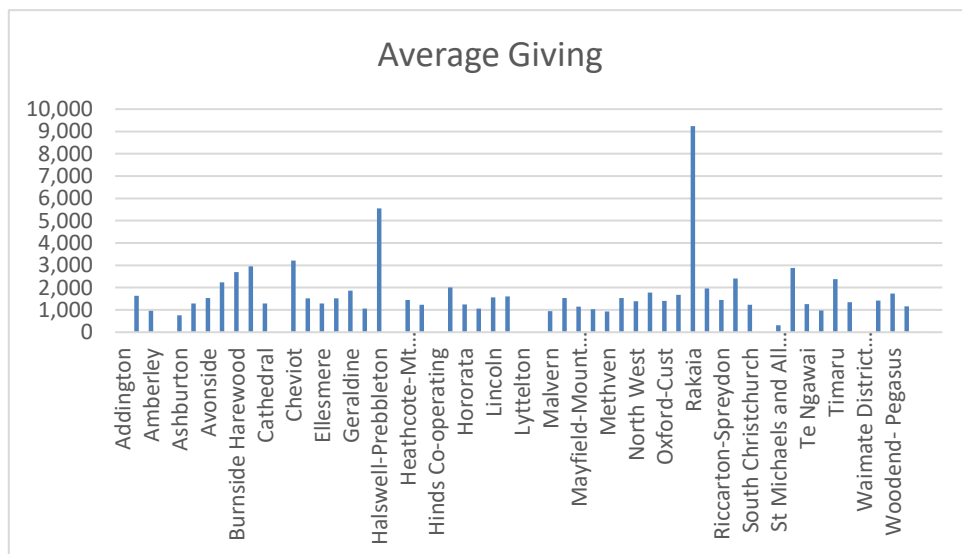
3. Answer to the Question:

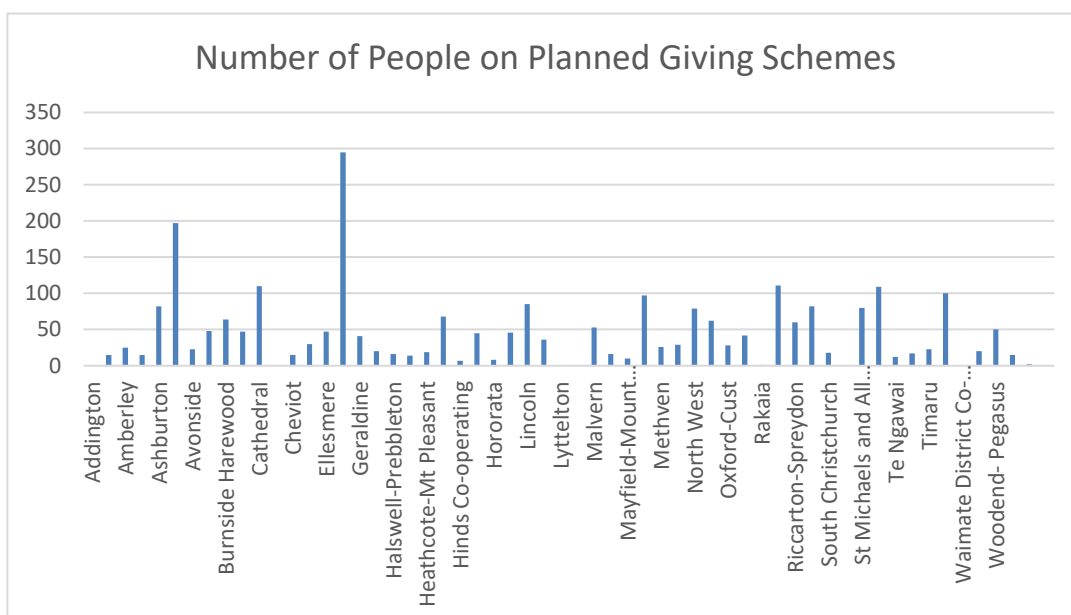
To answer this question data was extracted from the reports lodged with Charity Services and from the annual statistics, and accounts gathered by ADMSC.

Allowing for a few anomalies in both the Charity Services and annual statistics data and acknowledging that a few parishes did not provide the data, then it can be said that there are 23 parishes where the average giving is over \$1,500, and of them there are 10 where the average giving is over \$2,000 and of them there are 3 where the average giving is over \$3,000.

In contrast, there are only two parishes where the number of givers exceed 150.

Note: On the charts below not all the parish names can be displayed but the data from each parish is displayed.





There are only 10 parishes with an operating budget greater than \$280k. They are shown below with their number of givers and average giving:

Parish	\$ 000's	Number of Givers	Average Giving
Cathedral	560	110	\$1,292
Bryndwr (No budget - Actual)	295	48	\$2,234
Chch St Michaels	653	80	\$307
East Chch	292	30	\$1,520
Fendalton	578	295	\$1,516
Lincoln	283	85	\$1,561
Merivale	403	97	\$1,032
Rangiora	285	111	\$1,965
Shirley-Burwood	273	82	\$2412
Sumner	397	109	\$2,887
Upper Riccarton	382	100	\$1,345

Given this data it can be said that there is only one parish that meets all three criteria of:

- a. operating budget of \$280k, and
- b. number of givers over 150; and
- c. average giving of over \$1,500.

That parishes is Fendalton.