

# Local Church Budget



“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Matthew 6:26 (NIV)

Swallows can fly over 11,000 km without a chart, compass or radio beam and land at the place they left six months before. Spiders can make a silken rope, creating materials in their own chemical laboratory, very fine but strong enough for their own transport through the air. Beavers are engineers, constructing without the aid of tools, cement or precision instruments, bridges, tunnels, roadways, canals and dams that last for years. Bees, wasps and ants solve their housing problems by building well-ventilated, weatherproof, well-designed and practical apartment houses.

Young squid travel by jet propulsion. They swim by pumping water through tubes along their thin, streamlined bodies. When pursued, they can gather great speed, and they always jet backwards. When they get going fast enough, they can set their fins

at an angle and take off into the air. Squid have been seen to fly as far as 55 metres with one takeoff, leaving foes far behind.

God, in His wisdom, created each of these animals with the special abilities they need in order to live and thrive because He cares about their needs. How much more does He care and provide for us? Each day we can list the many different blessings that we encounter. As we worship through giving we have an opportunity to use God's provision for His glory.

## Appeal

Today's offering will support the local ministry of our church; let's give an appreciation of how our Creator God supplies for all our needs.

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Dear God, thank You for the way that You take care of Your creation. Help us to trust You more. Amen.

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