



It's not just about money.

Treasure, Time & Talents is a stewardship campaign, but it's not just about money. Our time and talents are also gifts from God, of which we are called to be good stewards.

Parish life at St John's is incredibly active and varied. At the centre of everything we do is the offering of the Parish Mass on Sunday — which in itself requires lots of people to do lots of different things. From this source springs everything all sorts of other activities and outreach.

One body, many members

In his letter to the church in Rome, St Paul writes 'as in one body we have many members, and not all members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.' (Romans 12.4-5)

God calls each of us to serve the church in different ways, each contributing to the whole. It would be no use if we were all good at the same thing, or if we all did the same job. The church flourishes when each person exercises the ministry to which God calls them.

Read Ephesians 4.11-13

What categories of ministry do you think St Paul would add if he was writing to the Church in Brownswood Park rather than the Church in Ephesus?



Everyone playing their part

It's easy in church life for the majority of the work to be borne by a minority of the people. "Oh, so-and-so can do that!" "The Vicar will take of this—that's what he's paid for!"

At St John's we're committed to everyone playing their part — however large or small that might be — so that ministry in this place is something which is shared.

This means that we don't become over-reliant on one or two people, and — more importantly — that everyone can respond to God's call in their life.



How does this involve you?

If you worship at St John's this involves you! Of course, just like financial stewardship, the time and talents people can offer will vary, depending on their own situation and circumstances.

Treasure, Time & Talents gives each of us the opportunity to reflect on and pray about how we use our time and talents in God's service. This is partly about the tasks and roles people undertake in church life at St John's, but also about our Christian discipleship outside of the church walls.

God calls us to serve him and proclaim the Good News of Jesus not only on a Sunday morning, but also at work, at home, and in the other places where we spend our time, and the people with whom we spend it.

admin hospitality
 gardening welcoming
 SundaySchool visiting finance
 serving reading preaching
 Kids' Café ^{PCC} chalice
 SoupKitchen tea&coffee
 intercessions
 money-counting prayer
 sacristan



Some questions to think about

Here are some questions you might want to ponder and pray about. And, at the bottom of this sheet, there's a word map of the different jobs at St John's. Some people reading this will already be doing as much as they can; others may feel that they can contribute more.

- ◆ What is God's call on my life?
- ◆ How could I help St John's on a Sunday morning?
- ◆ Is there anything I could do during the week to contribute to church life?
- ◆ How do I live out in my life what I practise in church?
- ◆ What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus 24/7?
- ◆ How do I share my faith with others?

Prayer of St Ignatius Loyola

Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wound,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will.

Amen.



Sundays 1, 8, 15, 22 November

These Sundays will be *Treasure, Time and Talents* Sundays. There will be talks and presentations at the 11am Mass, and there will be a *Treasure, Time and Talents* table in the foyer after Mass with displays and information.

Every adult member of our congregation has been given a *Treasure, Time and Talents* Pack. Enclosed in this is a Questionnaire, to help you think and pray about how you contribute your Time and Talents to St John's. We ask that this Questionnaire be returned by **Sunday 29 November**, either in the box in the foyer in church, or by delivering or sending it to St John's Vicarage.

All the Treasure, Time and Talents information is on our website: www.sjebp.com



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