

As a believer in Jesus our commitment should be to a way of life that calls us too:

- receive God's gifts with gratitude;
- cultivate these gifts responsibly;
- share them sacrificially;
- and to return these gifts with increase to God.

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## The Parable of the Bags of Gold

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 25:14-30

God owns everything.  
We are simply stewards of all that He gives us. We may work long hours for our income but we are using the skills, gifts and opportunities given to us by God.



Stewardship connects everything we do with what God is doing in the world.

**RESPONSIBILITY**  
**OWNERSHIP**  
**BELONGING**  
**SERVING**  
**BLESSING**



## FUNDRAISING & GIVING

A steward is someone who manages the possessions of another, But what does Stewardship look like for us as Christians?



## RESPONSIBILITY

Stewardship is a way of life that calls believers in Christ to receive God's gifts with gratitude,

cultivate these gifts responsibly, share them sacrificially and to return these gifts with increase to God. You are encouraged to think about your offering of money. How does your offering relate to your total income? How generous is your gift?



## SERVING

**Giving is not only concerned with money. You can also give your time and talents. This commitment begins with knowing your gifts, skills and strengths, and not with a list of jobs which 'need' to be done. When you serve in the way God made you, you will be fulfilled and effective in all areas of your life.**

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58*

## BELONGING

Your part in this Church is as important and valuable as anybody else's. Everything you see is yours. Your offerings of time, service and money do make a difference. What does it feel like to be a part of this family here at St Mary's & St Johns?



## OWNERSHIP

All our giving should be an act of praise to God. Giving to share and spread the good news of God's saving grace should be especially important to us. Whether your church is a Sunday service, a mid week service, a small group or Toddlers' Praise. We are the Church. You are the Church. THIS IS YOUR CHURCH.



## BLESSING

The free gift of God's love and faith in Jesus gives us peace, joy, hope and purpose in this world and the next. As apart of God's family, we are part of an amazing community offering love, support and direction for all in our town.