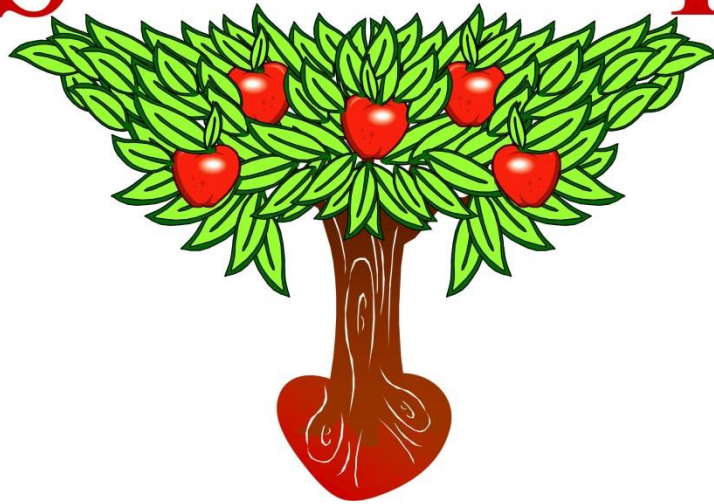


**St John's Elmswell**

*Time & Talent*

**STEWARDSHIP**



**Do you have a talent?  
Of course you do!**

**Do you have time?  
Perhaps plenty. Maybe only a little – but every little helps!**

We are compiling a register of talents that people can offer to the church, so that, if we need, say, a person who can help out with DIY or music, an audio-visual buff, or someone to make coffee for us at a service, we can look at the talents that people have registered and how much time they are able to give.

Sometimes we want to help but do not know how to. Well this is the perfect opportunity to register your willingness to help in some way.

This is one of ways we can give back just a little of the many gifts God has given to us.

*“Now you belong to him...in order that we might be useful in the service to God”*

*Romans 7:4*

## TIME AND TALENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

Christian stewardship consists of three distinct, equal components: time, talent and treasure. The gift of time recognises and celebrates the wonderful gift of life. The gift of talent recognises all physical and mental abilities with which the Lord has blessed us. The gift of treasure includes all financial resources we earn by using our time and talents. This form is not about your financial obligations but rather other areas where you might be able to help and build up the kingdom of God by serving in our church.

As you think of your spiritual gifts, talents and passions, please pray, discuss with your family and dependants, and then tick in the boxes any areas of interest that apply to you (even if you don't have the time right now to make a commitment). Don't be afraid of ticking an area for fear that you are going to be burdened with a job for ever. You will simply be indicating an area of interest. If you would like more information about any particular area of ministry, please ask. We have been compiling descriptions for many of the common roles.

The life of stewardship recognises each church member and their unique gifts as strengthening our relationship with God, and at the same time, influencing the larger parish and community. We are all valuable in some way, however small, and God calls each one of us to use our unique gifts to serve his body, the Church.



## TIME AND TALENTS RESPONSE

Name: .....

Email: .....

Telephone: ..... Date: .....

### Part ONE - I can serve using the following talent(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping people feel welcome                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting or financial skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> DIY or electrical skills       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Listening to others                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharing my faith with others                  | <input type="checkbox"/> General helping out            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying with others                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Musical ability                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying for others at home                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Working with children                         | <input type="checkbox"/> IT/audio-visual skills         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading teams / organising events or projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic design                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creativity                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Health and Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretarial and administration                | <input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Safeguarding      |

### Part TWO - I am interested in helping the following area(s):

*If you are already involved, please tick the box and write "active" by the side*

#### Sunday Services

- Sidesperson (Welcome team)
- Audio-visual support/operating
- Preparing and serving refreshments after the service
- Setting up and tidying away after for Holy Communion
- Bible reading
- Leading intercessions
- Praying with others after the service

#### Music

- Singing in the choir
- Singing in a music group
- Playing a musical instrument

#### Children/Young people

- Helping out with Sunday club (Sunday mornings)
- Helping out Crèche (Sunday mornings)
- Helping out with CYFA (Sunday evenings)
- Baby-sitting at "Mum's The Word" (Thursday mornings)
- Joining the "Open the Book" team

## **Outreach and Pastoral**

- Verger at weddings and/or funerals
- Stewards when church is open (various summer afternoons)
- Pastoral visiting (visit sick, lonely or bereaved)
- Hosting home group or seeker course
- Helping with or organising the Summer fair or Christmas fair
- Organising social events
- Helping with the Christingle or Christmas Eve service
- Helping or organising the Light Party (Halloween alternative)
- Helping with the Ladies Lunch
- Helping with the Men's Breakfast
- Distributing Harvest gifts
- Providing lifts to church etc
- Organising Foodbank Collections
- Mission partner link
- Marriage support/preparation

## **General, Administration and Maintenance**

- Churchwarden
- PCC or Deanery Synod member
- Organising rotas
- Producing service sheets
- Producing weekly notice sheet
- General administration
- Writing baptism certificates
- Sending baptism anniversary cards or bereavement cards
- Maintaining Church Directory
- Maintaining Electoral Roll
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding
- Fundraising
- Finance
- Church cleaning
- Churchyard gardening
- Flower arranging

Any other additional information or areas of interest:

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Thank you for completing our Time and Talents Questionnaire.

Please hand your completed form to the Rector or place in the box at the back of church.