

4. Please prayerfully consider being part of some of the following activities/ ministries within St Stephen's. Please tick as many as apply to register your interest (This list is not meant to be exhaustive).



### Sunday's

- Prayer ministry
- Reading Rota
- Leading services
- Welcome Team/ stewards
- Preaching/ teaching
- Coffee/ Hospitality
- Flowers
- Prayers/ intercessions
- Servers and lay assistants
- PA/ Sound/ Media
- Screen Projection operator
- Drama
- Music - please specify instrument (including voice)

### Mission, Service & Discipleship

- Traidcraft/ fairtrade
- Green/ Environmental issues
- Parenting Courses
- Overseas missions
- Alpha/ Outreach/ Evangelism
- Work with over 50's
- Praying for the community
- Visiting care homes
- Bereavement visiting
- Marriage preparation/ support
- House group leader
- House group host
- Reception (welcoming visitors to the church during weekdays)
- Pastoral Care/ Visiting
- Administration
- Links with other churches
- Publicity or photography
- Prayer walking
- Finance and stewardship
- Cleaning
- Maintenance
- Buildings development
- Organising Social Events
- Website
- Website prayer requests
- Deanery Synod

### Children and Young People

- Crèche (0-2½)
- Junior Church (2 ½ -11)
- Rainbow Nursery School
- Noah's Ark (parents & toddlers)
- Amplified (11-14)
- Liquid (14-18)
- The WAVE - practical service
- Baptism preparation/ follow up
- Schools work
- Family Worship team
- Holiday Clubs

## St Stephen's Church, Shottermill **Stewardship: Time and Talents 2010**

*"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10*

Our vision and purpose as a church is summed up in our St Stephen's purpose statement: *"Honouring God, following the example of Jesus and sharing his love in our community."* We do this by growing simultaneously in 3 dimensions - **UP** (Loving, worshipping and serving God); **IN** (Loving and serving our church family) and **OUT** (Loving and serving our neighbour; Witnessing; Seeking Justice; Caring for creation).

We all have a vital part to play in achieving this purpose and in building for growth. To this end, **'All Member Ministry'** is one of our core values. That is, **we all** (from the youngest to the oldest) **share in the work of the local church and in Christ's ministry and mission in the world.** At St Stephen's we seek to provide an environment in which each person can be nurtured and flourish in their faith and use their God given gifts, talents and time in his service - in and outside of the church; so that we can become the people that God had created us uniquely to be. As someone has said: *"It is not the church of God that has a mission but the missionary God who has a church"*

So, the purpose of this questionnaire is to help us as a church and as individuals to **review our use of our time and talents both within and outside of the church.** I believe that the main arena for ministry, service and mission is in fact in the midst of daily life: the daily task of being "salt and light" in the world - in our places of work, school, college, in our homes, in our families, in our neighbourhoods and in our leisure activities. However, in order to teach, equip and enable us to do this, we need to invest time, talents and resources into the local church, where **there are certain tasks that need to be done.** Many of them are listed on this questionnaire to help you think about ways in which you can serve the organisation and ministry of the church. By ticking the various boxes you are registering your interest and in due course someone will be in touch with you to discuss your possible involvement further. Please don't be afraid to volunteer because it is not my intention that if you do, you will take on a job for life! This is not healthy - it produces burnout in a few and means many are not using their time and talents. **Every role in the church is open to regular review,** so that none of us end up stuck in the wrong job or beyond the time when we should have moved aside or taken on new challenges.

There are seasons for all things. If you feel that you need a break from a certain area of ministry please don't be afraid to say so. **Please take time to prayerfully fill in this questionnaire.** Why not ask a friend to help you?

Remember - we ALL have a unique contribution to make - **every person counts to God** - and it is through serving others that we grow in faith.

**Name:**

1. What activities are you currently involved in the church community? Please tick under Q4 and give details below:
2. How are you already involved in the wider community? e.g. Voluntary work, clubs and societies, in the workplace, school etc.
3. Are there any areas of ministry that you would like to be involved in? Have you any particular gifts that you would like to develop and use to serve? (Also answer here if what you want to do doesn't appear on the list in Q4).

If you would like to meet to discuss any aspects of your service and ministry with me, please ring for a chat or arrange a time to meet. If you don't like filling in forms - come and have a chat anyway!

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**Please place your completed form in the box at the back of church.**