



St Stephen's  
Church,  
Shottermill  
**Partnership:  
Time and  
Talents**  
2014

*“Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.” Romans 12:4-4*

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 deeper as disciples in three key areas of relationship: **UP** (Loving, worshipping and serving God); **IN** (Loving and serving our families, friends and 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 building for growth. To this end, **'Encouraging Everyone to be included and involved'** is one of our core values. That is, **every person counts** (from the youngest to the oldest) and **shares 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, using 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. *"It's not the church of God that has a mission in the world, but the God of mission who has a church in the world."* (Mission Shaped Church Report)

So, the purpose of this questionnaire is to help us 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: 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, by ensuring smooth running of our services, events and ministries - we need volunteers! **Volunteering is a great way to get involved, meet new people and serve the church**. So please consider how you could give your time, talents and resources to play your part. Many of the tasks that contribute to the smooth running of the church are listed in **Part A** and will help you think about ways in which you can serve. By ticking particular boxes you are **registering your interest** and desire to explore this area. In due course, a ministry leader 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 prayerfully fill in this questionnaire**. If you are not sure of your gifts, ask a friend!

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).

**NAME** .....

**Sundays**

- Prayer ministry
- Reading Rota
- Leading services
- Welcome Team/ stewards
- Preaching/ teaching
- Coffee/ Hospitality/ Catering
- Flowers
- Prayers/ intercessions
- Servers & communion assistants
- Caretaker or Verger duties
- PA/ Sound/ Media/ Website
- Screen Projection operator
- Music - please specify instrument (including voice)
- Drama

**Mission, Service & Discipleship**

- Fairtrade
- Christian Aid
- Green/ Environmental issues
- Supporting mission partners
- Alpha/ Start/ Evangelism
- Pastoral Care/ Visiting
- Visiting care homes
- Bereavement visiting
- Praying for the community
- Marriage support/preparation
- Home group leader/assistant
- Home group host
- Administration/ office help
- Links with other churches

**Children and Young People**

- Bible Tots (0-5)
- Freerunners (5-11)
- Amplified (11-14)
- Liquid (14-18)
- Noah's Ark (parents & toddlers)
- Rainbow Nursery School
- Family Worship team
- Parenting Courses
- Baptism preparation/ follow up
- Schools work
- Holiday club/Messy Church

- Finance and stewardship
- Publicity or photography
- Deanery Synod
- Cleaning
- Maintenance
- Buildings development
- Organising Social Events
- Foodbank/ Social action
- The WAVE - practical service
- Adopting a street
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