

## Discipleship and Stewardship – Lent 2024

Levels of Commitment to God’s Kingdom

Six steps of commitment to God and His Church:

### Survival

I commit some time, talent and/or money only in order to keep the Church running. My motivation is that at some time in my life the Church might help me survive through a difficult time and I want the Church to be there if and when I need it.

### Supermarket

I am happy to commit time, talent and/or money towards those bits of the Church I want and enjoy. My motivation is as a customer wishing to deal with the Church on my terms, safe and unchallenged.

### Support

I commit time, talent and/or money to the Church because its work is important. My motivation is to be a member of a supporters club.

### Subscription

I commit time, talent and/or money because I wish to contribute my fair share to the running of the Church. My motivation is to be identified as a Church member playing my part.

### Submission

I commit time, talent and/or money to the Church because I am a Disciple of Christ, which means putting God first in my life. My motivation is responding to God’s love and generosity to me, not just the needs of the Church.

### Sacrifice

I commit my whole life to Christ, my time, talent and money. My motivation is to be Christ-like, giving joyfully and sacrificially – following Christ.

## The Discipleship & Stewardship Programme (Revised)

The Vicar and Curate will preach on God’s generosity and our response to it as Disciples of Christ and Stewards of His gifts.

Date	Theme	Additional Teaching
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Introduction to Stewardship	
11 <sup>th</sup> February <b>The Value of God’s Kingdom</b>	The Pearl of Great Price Matthew 13: 44 – 46	
18 <sup>th</sup> February <b>The Price of God’s Kingdom</b>	Mark 1:9-15 & 1 Peter 3:18	
25 <sup>th</sup> February <b>The Way to God’s Kingdom</b>	The Lost Son Luke 15:11-32	Dig Deeper Philippians
3 <sup>rd</sup> March <b>The Focus of God’s Kingdom</b>	Philippians 3:1-11	
10 <sup>th</sup> March <b>The Care of God’s Kingdom</b>	tbc Mothering Sunday	
17 <sup>th</sup> March <b>The Response to God’s Kingdom</b>	Pointing to Jesus and Following Jesus John 12:20-33	Passion Sunday
24 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Using Gifts for God’s Kingdom</b>	The Parable of the Pounds Luke 19: 11 - 27 Palm Sunday	<i>Use It or Lose It</i> Dig Deeper Philippians
31 <sup>st</sup> March <b>Resurrection Life in God’s Kingdom</b>	Easter Day John 20:1-18	Hand in Pledge Cards

In addition we shall encourage each other to:

1. Discuss - each Sunday the preacher will provide a few questions to talk about informally over coffee
2. Read – a Christian Book – The Vicar will provide some suggested reading
3. Watch – a Christian DVD – The Vicar will make some suggestions

We will finish the programme on 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Day as we make our commitment to God and hand in our pledge cards.