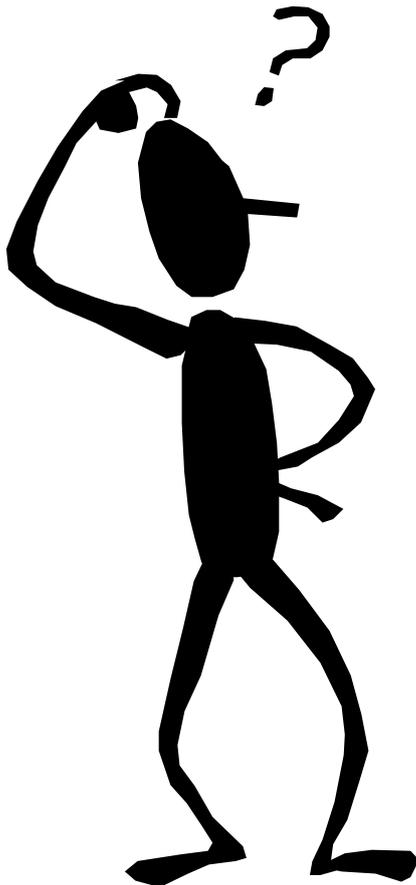


Where do I fit In?



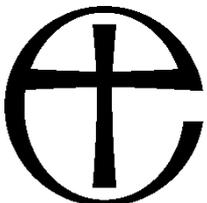
Help in finding your Ministry



Gifts

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Ministry



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Finding Your Ministry

It's not just the Staff Team who are ministers in St Matthew & St Oswald's. To be a minister simply means to serve God - and that is something we are all called to do.

If we list the ministers of this church, we ought to put all of us. One of the basic principles of the Christian Church is that we each have a role to play. Some of those roles will be directly linked with what we do as a church family, but others will be in the community, at home or at work. Wherever you are, you are a minister of Jesus Christ. This booklet is designed to help you find where you fit in.

In 1 Corinthians chapter 12, St Paul describes the church as a body. In almost cartoon language he reminds us of two vital lessons.

Firstly, that the body is made up of many different parts and that each one is vital to the body working properly. So it is with the church: we are all able to do different things, but unless we play our unique part, the church is less than it should be.

Secondly, St. Paul reminds us that we must play the part we are equipped for. We should not try to be something we are not. It is therefore important within the church to try and match people into the roles God has prepared them for.

There are really three stages to that process:

1. The first is to try and discover what **Gifts** the Holy Spirit has equipped you with.
2. The second is to think through what your **Passions** are. Has God given you a concern for a particular group of people or area of ministry?
3. The third step is to discern what **Ministries** you can be involved in to use what God has given you. This step is usually a conversation between you and those in leadership.

Ministry is great fun and getting involved will help you feel much more a part of the church community, but remember that it will also involve sacrifices - especially of time and energy. King David once said that he would not offer to God that which cost him nothing (*2 Samuel 24:24*), and St. Paul urged the Roman church to, “*offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship.*” (*Rom 12:1*)

As you read the form =giving ministry options, ask God to show you where He wants you to serve Him; but **before** you read it, decide if you are prepared to do **whatever** He asks!

Steps to Finding My Ministry Filling in the Form

1. **Gifts:** If you have not done so already, get a copy of the booklet *Discovering My Gifts* and try to work out those gifts which God has equipped you with. Write the top three down on the enclosed form. Asking Christian friends what they think your gifts are also helps.
2. **Passions:** With some gifts it is very obvious how they are to be used. For example, if your giftings are in healing, then you need to offer yourself to be considered for the prayer ministry team. However, some gifts can be used in several ways. For example, if your gifting is in teaching, should you be learning to lead bible studies for adults or helping in a Sunday School class, or working in education?

To start working that out, you need to think through those things that God has given you a **passion** for. For example, your main gifting may be practical helps, but your real concern is for evangelism. Being on the set-up team for Alpha Courses would put these two things together!

Below are a few areas that you may have a **passion** for. If any of them (or any other area) really concerns or excites you, then write it in the space on the form.

Children	Young people	Young families
Elderly people	Bereaved people	Lonely people
Newcomers	Evangelism	Worship
Overseas mission	Adult discipleship	Justice in the world
Church administration	Upkeep of the Church Building	

3. Now you can look through the various opportunities for **ministry**. Many of those on the form are within church, but there is space for you to add the ministries you are engaged in elsewhere. This is not a complete list and it will grow and change with time. Remember that you can serve God in significant ways at home, in community organisations and at work too, but this booklet's aim is primarily to help you find your church-based ministry.

Put a tick next to areas of ministry that you think God may be leading you into and return the form to the clergy. The tick does not commit you to any particular ministry, nor does it commit the church to agreeing that you should serve in that way. Someone will contact you shortly to discuss each ministry option you want to look at.

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or The Church Office via foyer pigeon holes or 1a New Street.



Where do I Fit In?

Response Form – October 2020 version

Use this form only in conjunction with the **Where do I fit in?** leaflet. The most important issue to ask yourself is, “Am I willing to Serve God?” Finding the right ministry is important, but just being prepared to give your time & energy to the Lord is even more important.

Name:

Phone: email:

1. **GIFTS:** I think my main Gifts are:

i)

ii)

iii)

2. **Passions:** Delete one of the following:

- I have no especial concerns for any particular area of ministry. I just want to see God’s kingdom grow.
- I have a particular concern for: (include no more than two things)

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3. Ministry: Prayerfully read the following table and tick areas of current involvement and areas you would like to offer to serve in or find out more about. Don’t worry if you are not sure. Ask other Christian friends what they think your gifts are or book an appointment with the vicar to discuss it.

Place	Need	Currently involved	Would like to offer/ find out more
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External Ministries

Daily Work	If you are in employment or have a substantial role caring for children or other adults in the family, paid or unpaid, that is a central part of your Christian ministry. Learning how to serve God in that place is a key part of your calling to follow Christ. My work ministry is.....		
Community Ministry	Are you involved in things like local politics, youth organisations or other community ministries? My community ministry is.....		

Children & Young People

Children's Church	Teaching and leading children during the 10.30 service (currently online and by phone contact). Preparation takes about 1 hour, with 40 minutes teaching on Sunday.		
Tea n Toast	Our ministry amongst 11-18 year olds. Usually during the 10.30 service but at the moment on Sunday afternoons, 4-5pm.		
School Governors	We have foundation places on the governing bodies of Harris, St Matthew's and St Oswald's schools. There are currently 2 vacancies at St Matthew's. A key part of our commitment to local schools.		
Open the Book	A team is being created to take dramatized bible stories into primary school assemblies. You need a heart that children should hear the bible and a willingness to dress up and speak!		

Adult Discipleship

Connect Group Leadership	To join a Connect Group look for a separate leaflet on the foyer noticeboards, but if you think The Lord may be asking you to start or lead a group indicate in the box. Training / mentoring will be given.		
Teaching Ministry	Do you feel called to preach and teach? Come and talk about it.		
Pop-Up Groups	There is a role for small groups that "pop up" for a short period of time to help people wrestle with specific issues. Is there a subject you would like to lead a group on? Eg. Being a Christian in the workplace, Teaching faith to your own children, Singleness, etc. etc. Talk with Alan Hulme about your ideas.		

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Practical Ministries

Building maintenance	We need a team of people with DIY skills who can be called upon to do jobs on the building as necessary. Please list any particular skills you have eg. electrical, carpentry, decorating.		
Project Management	Some of our smaller building development projects need in-house project management. Do you have the right skills to co-ordinate with contractors and oversee works?		
Garden Maintenance	Helping keep the church and church centre gardens looking attractive.		
Flower arranging & decorating.	Helping arrange flowers and other decorations for special festivals.		
Meals Ministry	Preparing and delivering a meal to a church family who need some help: eg. after the birth of a baby or illness.		
Coffee Rota	Making and serving refreshments after services – when we can start doing this again.		
Catering	Various events occur throughout the year, needing everything from making tea and coffee to full scale meals.		

Pastoral Ministries

Visiting Home Communion	Much visiting and care happens in Connect Groups and informally. However, it helps to have a small team to cover those who “fall between the cracks”. Once the COVID restrictions are over, we want to create a visiting team to call in on the housebound, sick etc to show that the church family cares. This will include some visitors especially trained for taking home communion.		
Bereavement Visiting	Once the COVID restrictions are over, we want to train a small number of people in bereavement visiting to follow up families after funerals.		
Welcome Team	Welcoming people to worship and introducing them to the life of the church. Requires getting to church early and an ability to make people feel at home. Children & Young People needed here too.		

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Worship and Prayer

Intercessory Prayer	We all pray, but do you have a particular ministry as an intercessor – spending time with God pleading on behalf of others and the church?		
Healing Prayer	Prayer ministry teams are available after each service. We arrange training for those entering this ministry.		
Prayer Chain	Willing to receive emails regarding urgent issues and pray for them confidentially.		
Intercessions in services	Leading intercessions in services.		
Bible Reading	Reading the scriptures during services. Audition required & training given. You will normally be serving in some other ministry before being offered this privilege. All ages.		
Drama	Commitment to a rehearsal in the week before a service plus learning your lines. Young people needed here too.		
Worship Groups	Worship teams lead at 10.30 services. Currently the rehearsal is before the service. You need good musical skills and a heart to serve in worship. There is an audition and a trial period. Please write what instrument you play and to what standard. Note: “Visibly Holy Lifestyles” are a prerequisite for being in a worship team.		
Sound Desk	The sound system needs a rota of people to man the desk during the 10.30 service. You need good concentration and an ear for music. Full training will be given.		
Live streaming and Projector operation	Setting up and operating the live stream and projection. Mostly during 10.30 services, but some other times too.		

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Outreach

Evangelism	Do you love talking with non Christians about Jesus? We are looking to set up some specific training and support for those with the giftings of an evangelist. Could this be for you?		
Baptism visiting	We hope to set up teams to visit parents in their homes to prepare them for their children's baptisms. You need a grasp of your own faith and a desire to share it. Full training given.		
Coffeebreak	Coffeebreak is our ministry amongst parents and pre-school children. In normal times it meets on Wednesday mornings, term time.		
Pitstop & Seniors ministry	Do you have a heart for ministry amongst seniors? Pitstop is our "Drop In" on Tuesdays, but we believe The Lord wants to grow our ministry in this area. Do you want to be part of shaping that?		
Make Lunch: addressing holiday hunger	In normal times we need cooks and "front of house" people who are available around lunchtimes in school holidays. The team needs replenishing ready for when we can restart. There are leadership roles on the Steering Group too.		
Night Shelter	Not operating this winter, but usually needs people to cook and others to sleep over in church on Thursday evenings between November and March.		
Casa Reom Orphanage Trust	Casa Reom is a YWAM (Youth with a Mission) project of an orphanage and school in Mozambique which has longstanding links with this church. Our financial support for them is channelled through a trust and the trustees are looking for a colleague who will take particular responsibility for communications: website, mailings etc.		
Mission Partnership	We have mission partnerships with a number of external charities. Do you have a particular connection with one of them and would be willing to be its formal link person with the church?		
Revive and Hope4	Our partnerships with other churches and with Hope4 give opportunities in ministries such as Street Pastors, Christians against Poverty and Gift of Years ministry in care homes. Do you want to know more about any of them?		

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Administration

Finance Group	Our finance group, headed by the treasurer, overseas church family finances on behalf of the PCC. Do you have skills to share here? Currently we are in need of someone to set up our new accounts package.		
Administration	Are you willing to be called upon for one off admin tasks or occasional help in the office?		
Grants Co-ordinator	Some of our ministries (eg. Make Lunch, building development) are of interest to grant making charities. Could you take on the role of seeking out opportunities and making applications for us?		
Helping people find their ministries	We need one or two people whose ministry is to talk with others to help them discern their ministries. Do you have an HR background or know that you are good at that sort of advice?		

Other

Other	Are there other things that you would like to offer that are not on our current list?		
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