



St Andrew's
Chorleywood

LAY MINISTRY UPDATE JULY 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

1 Peter 4-10-11 ¹⁰ Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

First a huge thank you for all that you have been doing for the Lord in St Andrew's Church over the last year. We have seen very many answers to prayer for volunteers across all areas of our Church's ministry and we are so grateful for your selfless commitment. As we all set off on our Summer holidays I wonder whether you could spend some time giving thanks to God for His provision for us and prayerfully asking whether there is something more (or different) that you should or could be doing for Him. When we return from our summer break on September 11 we are going to have a special service celebrating all the areas of our Lay Ministry. This will be an opportunity to find out more about what God is doing through all of you and hopefully for you to respond to what God has been saying to you over the summer.

Before then, and to inform your prayers, I have asked some of our Ministry Leaders (this is not an exhaustive or complete list) what their key needs are at the moment. They are:

Youth Praise God we have sufficient volunteers for St Andrew's youth work. Lizzy is keen to set up a mentoring scheme for our young people away at University. Could you help with this? The Church in the Swillett can always use more help with the Switch Club on Thursdays. The kids are challenging and largely unchurched but this is a very rewarding area of ministry! Do speak to Sarah if this is you.

Children and Families Phil would love to talk to you if you have a heart for Children's work. Christine Freeman has a specific need for helpers at our Friday Toddlers group. Could this be you?

Friendship Club on Tuesdays during the daytime is a lifeline and joy for many of its elderly members. There are urgent needs for a cook on one Tuesday a month, for drivers and for helpers. If you can help on just one day a month it would make a huge difference.

Worship We thank God for the many wonderful expressions of worship that we enjoy; led so brilliantly by Belinda. If you have a heart for worship do speak to Belinda. We always need folk to help with Visuals. Full training supplied and we can't easily sing without it!

Welcome Team We thank God that everyone is welcomed so warmly in His house. This happens because of those who serve on the door, make drinks and serve in the kitchen. We always need help. Would your Life Group like to volunteer for just one Sunday or would you be able to help as an individual. Do consider it. It's a great blessing and good way to get to know people!

Church/Maintenance What a blessing it is to have such a flexible and beautifully clean building. We thank God for those who clean it, look after the grounds and decorate it with flowers. We have an urgent need for cleaners, grass cutters and flower arrangers. Even a small commitment could make a huge difference. Do contact Keith (Maintenance) or Stacia Ford (Flowers) if God is calling you.

Have a GREAT summer and many blessings

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