



## 1. Stewardship Promoter Workshop

Your parish may already have a Stewardship Promoter – if you haven't then read on...

Across the country, it has been identified as good practice to appoint someone to be Stewardship Promoter, who will encourage the congregation in their giving, and act as a champion for some of the wider stewardship issues.

Their role is to encourage giving and stewardship from within their congregation by actively championing generosity within the parish. It is ideal if they are a member of the PCC, as they will be able to bring a stewardship perspective to PCC discussions.

Learning from those who have adopted a Stewardship Promoter model for some time suggests that this role should ideally be carried out by someone concentrating solely on this task. However, in a number of parishes, the role may need to be combined with another role. In this case, it is preferable to combine with the job of Gift Aid Officer, rather than Treasurer.



To help... **A Stewardship Promoter Workshop is being offered on Tuesday, 20th March from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.**

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### What previous attendees say:

- *"This was a hugely enjoyable participative workshop full of relevant information for effective stewardship ably and enthusiastically presented". – Jim Rooke, Chandlers Ford*
- *"Stimulating and inspiring, with lots of ideas and resources". – Robin Lees, Alton*
- *"Ideally every Christian should attend this workshop, but it is a must for all PCC members, not just Churchwardens, Treasurers and Stewardship promoters". – Humphrey Carr, Ropley*
- *"This is an excellent presentation for those looking to introduce or renew Stewardship in the parish. It covered Stewardship in its widest sense and gave an overview of all resources out there. Plenty to help parishes become more effective and make Stewardship part of the regular cycle of church life. Definitely would recommend" - Revd Thomas Wharton, St James, West End*



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**2. The Paradox of Generosity**

*Here is the paradox of generosity. Despite its magnificent power and incredible potential, we can say no to it. It's possible to go through life with our backs turned to generosity. We can choose to allow it to enter our lives by the smallest degree, or we can surrender to it completely. Generosity is not something that happens to us, it's not something that will overrule us. Our part in the story of generosity only begins when we say 'yes'.*

I recently came across the statement above in an excellent little booklet entitled 'SIMPLY GENEROUS' produced by Stewardship.



You can obtain a free copy from Stewardship free via <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/resources/simply-generous---10-simple-stories-to-inspire-your-giving>.

I was then further challenged by this quote from the late Welsh Minister, Selwyn Hughes:

*You come across opportunities to be generous every day, and if you fail to respond, who knows what rivers will not flow, what mighty things will not get done? God has opened the doors of generosity to you; open the doors of generosity to others.*



Maybe consider popping these quotes into a church magazine article or perhaps they could be used in a sermon to encourage generosity.

**3. CMF Thank You**



A short film has recently been produced which helps to highlight the positive impact of the Common Mission Fund and say a big 'Thank You' to parishes for the contributions they make.



To view the film please click on the following link...

<https://youtu.be/nyK2pKmwteQ>

It is hoped this will be shown across as many parishes as possible. If you are unable to download this please contact me and I will send you the film on a PC stick.

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## 4. Journey of Generosity

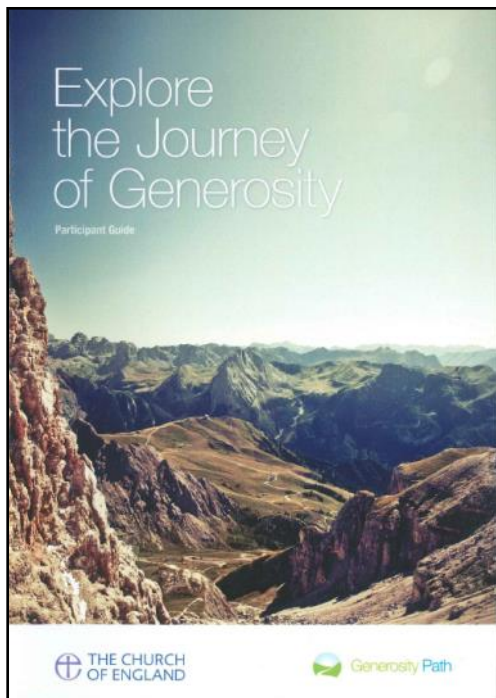
A Journey of Generosity is story-driven and experiential in nature. It includes stories of generous givers via some excellent short video clips, discussions, reflections, and Bible study. This experience enables participants to process the biblical message of generosity. Watch this short video for more information:

<https://vimeo.com/generositypath/whyattend>

Would you like to run this in your parish? I've been trained as a 'Journey of Generosity' facilitator and would gladly help you with this.

Here's some quotes from previous participants:

- *Good material in the booklet. The videos were very helpful and inspiring.*
- *Very well chosen videos. Intelligent and responsive leadership. Thank you.*
- *Very well put together. The videos were really good and the booklet a great resource.*



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## 5. Worship Resources for Giving

Part way through many Anglican services, a bag or plate makes its way around the congregation. In many places, this activity has lost its connection with worship, and has become a ritual, or even a fundraising activity.



The giving of money is a rich part of our worship. Money represents us in a way that nothing else can – our priorities and values in life are intrinsically wrapped up in the decisions that we make about allocating the money we have, whether we are comfortably off or just getting by. Our bank statements reveal what we hold to be important – sometimes uncomfortably so!



And so the our offering of ourselves, our money, time and talents, is a significant act of worship that is included in our services. To discover a range of resources to help view...

<http://www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/worship-resources-for-giving/>



## 6. Key Annual Stewardship Tasks

### Preach and teach

**regularly** about giving in the context of discipleship. It is not the preacher’s job to raise the funds for the church, but rather to nurture holistically generous disciples. For resources view...



[www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/preaching/](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/preaching/)



Clearly **communicate that giving to the church enables the mission and ministry that flows from it.** Many givers are not aware of the impact of their giving.

**Hold some form of annual review** of giving. Personal and church finances work on an annual basis, and so it is good to help people review their giving once a year. There are many different ways this can be done. For resources view...



[www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife/annualreview/](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife/annualreview/)



**Send an annual, personal ‘thank you’ to regular givers.** This values givers, and provides another opportunity to see how their giving

supports the work of the church. To view some template ‘Thank You’ letters view...

[www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife/](http://www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife/)

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 Large print versions of this publication are available on request.  
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### Suggested Annual Stewardship Timetable

Jan	Publish a magazine article on giving
Feb	Begin preparing a ‘Thank You’ letter to be issued to all planned givers early in April. Consult with your Treasurer and Incumbent
Mar	Finalise ‘Thank You’ Letter. Consult with Incumbent to seek involvement with APCM to link the giving with mission, ministry and giving.
Apr	Issue ‘Thank You’ letter. Show slide show at APCM of photo’s covering events during last 12 months that made a difference & been made possible due to people’s generosity – thank them!
May	Publish a magazine article on giving
June	Begin preparing for Annual Review of Giving
July	Continue preparing for Annual Review of Giving. Consult with Treasurer, Incumbent and PCC
Aug	Continue preparing for Annual Review of Giving. Publish a magazine article on legacy giving <a href="http://www.parishresources.org.uk/6-simple-steps-to-encouraging-legacies/">http://www.parishresources.org.uk/6-simple-steps-to-encouraging-legacies/</a>
Sept	Run Annual Review of Giving Advertise Will Aid (due to take place in
Oct	Advertise Will Aid (due to take place in November)
Nov	Publish a magazine article on giving
Dec	Encourage Generosity at Christmas: use <a href="http://www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/christmas/">http://www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/christmas/</a> for encouraging and sharing generosity at Christmas.

