



Prayer:

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you. Amen.**

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True or False Quiz

Below are a series of statements. Some of them are true, some are false, and some are opinions that people may hold but you might not agree with. As a group, see what you know about how the Church of England and your local church are financed and why money matters.

1. It's the Church of England so English Heritage pay for the upkeep of all church buildings and the government pays the clergy like civil servants
2. The Church of England is a large landowner and the income from that should be enough to provide a good income to pay for all our clergy
3. Cathedrals are not funded from Parish Share
4. Jesus talked about money more than he talked about prayer.
5. I don't mind paying for things in my local church, but we have to pay parish share to the diocese, and we don't see anything back in the parish in respect of the payments we make to the diocese
6. Parish share helps maintain the parish system which put a Christian presence from the Church of England into every community
7. If churches don't have enough income, it's more appropriate to try to do some fundraising than to teach about giving because talking about giving will upset people and drive them away.
8. I am a hardworking church officer, giving loads of time to my church and therefore do not feel that I should be asked to give money as well



Bible: Matthew 12: 46-50

⁴⁶ While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷ Someone told him, 'Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.'

⁴⁸ He replied to him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' ⁴⁹ Pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.'

After the passage has been read, ask the group for any immediate comments or thoughts about the passage.

Then consider the following questions:

- How does Jesus describe those who do God's will?
- Why is this surprising?
- What might this passage show us about our relationship to other Christians? How does this affect our attitudes to them?

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We are Family

Though we can function well as individual churches, there are times when we need some additional help or advice.

Below is a list of just some of the support and advice that can be obtained from Diocesan Offices. This list is not exhaustive – there is a wide range of help and advice available from the team at Diocesan Offices and from the Diocesan Website.

Underline the ones you knew about and put a * next to all those you think your church has used in the last 2 years.

- Advertised an event in the 'What's On' section of the website
- Churchwarden Training
- Diocesan Advisory Committee/Faculty advice for buildings
- Diocesan Children's Advisor
- Diocesan Registry
- Diocesan Vision Course
- Diocesan Website
- Diocesan Youth Advisor
- GDPR training
- Graveyard advice
- Mission/Vision Action Planning
- Parish Finance and Mission Returns
- Parish Resources Website
- PCC secretary handbook
- Publications
- Reader Training
- Routes of Faith
- Safeguarding training for lay people
- Safeguarding training for clergy
- Seen what's happening in the 'What's On' pages of the website
- Small Group Training
- Stewardship advice
- Training and study courses
- Treasurer Training
- Vocations support (lay and ordained)

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²⁹ When the offerings were finished, the king and everyone present with him knelt down and worshipped. 2 Chronicles 29:29

We've seen over the last few weeks how God generously provides for us and asks us to live generously for him, but our first response is to worship Him.

We pray together

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Having used these last five sessions to reflect on God's generosity and how we can use our time, talents and money to serve him, look back at the Take it Away sessions and ask God to guide you as you try to live a life of generosity, gift and grace, giving generously of your time, talents and money to the cause of Christ.