

Gifts – Using your gifts to serve

We have learnt that God has given each of us different gifts and abilities to use in serving others. Being a church member is more than just going to church, it involves working with others, serving God and working for the body of the church (which is not just the building). Remember from a few weeks ago God put all the parts in the body as he wanted them and we are stronger together. We need to work as a team or a 'body' as the Bible puts it. Last week we talked about our talents and abilities and those of the people at church.

Memory Verse

In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people.
Colossians 3:23

Let's chat

Last week we thought about our gifts and talents, the talents some people had at church, those who come along to Worship Warriors and people in the Bible.

God made us all so different. We need to be thankful for that because it makes life interesting. It was good to hear about the things you are good at doing.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. Corinthians 12: 4-5

This verse is saying God made you; everyone is made from the same God but God also made everyone different. We each have different talents and things we like to do.

Why do you think God made everyone good at different things?

Romans 12:4-6 tells us that everyone in the church needs to work together. There is one church with many members – like we said when we work together, we are stronger and can get more done.

If you are good at playing a guitar or piano – what should you do?

What about if you are good at singing; good with numbers; good with IT, good at cooking and baking, good at cleaning, good at teaching?

One person cannot do all the jobs and when we work together, we can help more people know about God.

So, what about the verse from Colossians 3:23, In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people.

It means that we should work like we are working for the Lord no matter what we do – we should always do our best. God likes happy helpers and it is important that we are happy helpers at church as well.

Remember everyone who is a church member needs to be a happy helper – you have a place in the church and you can make a difference.

Reminder

The gifts of the spirit are to every believer

They are not given for us to use selfishly. They are given to help us do God's work

We need to be happy helpers

Activity

Make a chooser on each side or on each in put the names of some of the jobs that are in church. Get up and then pretend to be that church member.

Draw a picture of all the people in church – wow so many people working for God. Make sure you have a banner, a flag or bunting that says stronger together.

Prayer:

Lord thank you for your gifts. Please help me to use the gifts and share them with others. Thank you for making us all unique so that we can work together to take care of his church and help us to find our place in the church as we continue in our journey with you. Amen