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The Parish of Barming with Teston

NEWSLETTER

Issue: 0002

Rectors Reflections

The APCM approaching including a review of the electoral roll presents a good opportunity to share what it ideally means to be a member of the church family:

1. Regular Worship
2. Home Group Attendance
3. Acts of Service
4. Financial Giving

Many of you are already actively engaged in these ways. Thank you!

Regular Worship

When Jesus taught the disciples to pray, he taught them first to praise, “our father in heaven hallowed be your name”. Remembering who Christ is and what he has done for us, should be a firm foundation on which we live our lives of faith. In worship we take the focus of ourselves and the world and put it back to where it belongs, on Jesus our Lord and Saviour. Out of our worship and adoration should then flow all the other aspects of our Christian life.

Home Group Attendance

These monthly gatherings offer a wonderful way to be known and to get to know others, to support each other and to grow in faith through the study of God’s Word.

Acts of Service

At the last supper Jesus rose from the table and washed his disciple's feet. He adopted the role of the lowest servant then told his disciples that if they had understood what he had just done then they should do likewise.

As followers of Christ, we are called to serve! We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. A member of our ministry team regularly says, "As a church we are punching above our weight". What they mean, is that we are active for a small church. We run numerous events and activities, and multiple worship services to reflect the diversity of our parish.

But to do all this, takes time, hard work and volunteers. There are so many ways you can actively get involved in serving the church. From offering three minutes on a Sunday to read the Bible, through to being a church warden or heading up one of our ministry teams.

Giving

Unfortunately, it costs a lot of money to run a church and keep the buildings open and that's in addition to the desire to and importance of investing in mission and evangelism here and around the world.

People are often under the misguided idea that the church is funded by the state, but that's not the case! The majority of the income comes from the generosity of church members. That income is then topped up by fundraising and the fees from weddings and funerals.

The cost-of-living crisis has hit us as a church. Our regular expenses have increased, exceeding our regular income. Please prayerfully consider if you could start giving, increase giving and maybe leaving a legacy.

Some Ways You Can Serve...

Sundays

Sides Person	Reading	Leading Prayers
Sound Desk	Refreshments	Children & Youth
Worship Band	Choir	Bell Ringing
Tables and Chairs	First Aid	Road Prayer Team

Other Days

Cleaning	Flowers	Website / Social Media
Administration	Visiting	Community Café
Gardening	Member of PCC	Homegroup Leader
Advertising	Maintenance	Events / Fundraising
Finance Team	Verger	Baby & Toddler Group

Services

St Margaret's at 10am

- 1st Sunday – All Age Worship
- 2nd Sunday – CW Holy Communion
- 3rd Sunday – Informal Service
- 4th Sunday – CW Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday – CW Holy Communion with the Brass Band

Barming Village Hall, Heath Road

- 2nd Sunday – 10am - Engage & Praise
- 4th Sunday – 10am - Engage & Praise

St Peter & St Paul

- 1st Sunday – 11.30am – CW Holy Communion
- 2nd Sunday – 10.15am – Children's Church
- 3rd Sunday – 11.30am – CW Holy Communion
- 4th Sunday – 10.15am – Children's Church