

Two provisos before we go any further- a lot of people are already hugely active in the life of the Church and no one should feel pressured to do more than they can or should. It's also vital, because of illness and/or the specific stages of life some people are at, to say that the thing God wants above everything else is our hearts poured out to him through worship, prayer and thankfulness. We don't have to **do** things to delight God- we simply have to be ourselves.

All of that said, in order to carry on with the things we are doing and to develop new ideas, we need more people to step forward to offer their time and their gifts.

In particular, two of our most popular and important activities are short of helpers and leaders at the moment; we desperately need more help with

our work with **children and young people**, and
our support of the work of the **Community Payback Team** in the Churchyard on Saturdays.

Both of these things we are justly proud of at St Paul's- and now we need you to show your support by offering to help, however hesitantly and however little you can help.

Please pray for this whole process, that you and the whole church family will listen well to God and respond fully, both spiritually and practically, to His call on your lives.

And then please annotate and return this sheet, **by Friday the 6th of October**, to a member of the clergy, or to the Parish Office, so we can get you the information you need?

I would like to have a conversation about what it would mean to help in the following ways:

1. Help with children and young people
2. Help with the Payback Team- refreshments/ work in the churchyard
3. Church Worship Rotas
 - a. Getting everything ready for Sunday morning services
 - b. Offering a lift to someone who finds it difficult to get to Church
 - c. Welcoming people to Church as a Sidesperson
 - d. Serving at the altar in Church
 - e. Reading the Lesson in Church
 - f. Leading the Intercessions in Church
 - g. Making sure everyone has someone to talk to at coffee
4. Helping to lead and support groups and activities
 - a. Coffee and Chat on a Friday afternoon
 - b. I could do some pastoral visiting for the Church
 - c. I would like to support baptism families or those newly bereaved
 - d. I have admin skills which could be useful
 - e. I have financial or accountancy skills which could be useful
 - f. I could help to cook meals for people who are ill
 - g. PMC (Partnership for Missional Church) sounds great- tell me more
 - h. I could help provide food for parish social events