

Parish of Ferndown
Study sheet for week commencing 22nd October 2008
St Mary's Core Values (7) "CALLED TO BE GENEROUS"
1 Tim 6:3-10, 17-19

BIBLE APPLICATION

We are aiming to recruit a paid leader for youth work. This is a pressing need, and one that cannot be fulfilled by present church leaders. Read Acts 6:1-7

When a particularly pressing need arose in the early church, that leaders could not deal with, what decision did they reach? What tests did they apply to new leaders? How did they commission them?

Now read 1 Tim 6:3-10 and 17-19

- Verses 6-9 – What happens spiritually when we are content? And what about if we are always striving for more?
- Verse 10 – Is money wrong in itself, or just the love (worship) of it? (see also Matt 6:24)
- Look up Luke 4:18-19. How has Jesus' teaching obviously impacted Paul?
- Verses 17-19 Paul would undoubtedly call us rich. So what is God's message to us in these verses?
- What exactly is the "firm foundation" that Paul speaks of in verse 19?

ST MARY'S BUDGET

Please look at the items listed overleaf. If you have questions about the budget that you cannot help each other with, please do contact Ann Mace for clarification.

What factors can inhibit generous and joyful giving? E.g. lack of money, fear, greed, non-Christian partner, needing to support other family members and not having much/anything to spare?

If we do not have much to give financially, God still cares about other gifts we can give. What might these be for you personally, or your group?

PRAYER

Please spend time interceding in prayer so that together, we can see God meet our every need. Pray that each person will make the appropriate response to the letters Martin has written, without compulsion or fear.

St Mary's Church, Ferndown - Budget 2009

Income

Giving - Church Collections	20,900
Giving - Envelope Scheme	37,403
Giving - Regular Standing Orders	135,960
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	34,433
Total Regular Giving	£ 228,696

Book Stall Sales	2,350
Fees	2,360
Hall Lettings	11,190
Interest Received	2,300
Sundry Income	2,660
Total Income	£ 249,556

Expenses

Administration Expenses	27,689
Youth Worker	27,000
Musical Director (<i>partial funding only</i>)	5,639
Audit Fee	1,000
Bookstall Purchases	2,350
Catering	1,550
Children's Worker & Expenses	8,964
Church Overheads & Maintenance	10,245
Church Ground Overheads	1,100
Clergy Expenses	5,620
Diocesan Share	95,000
Giving - Missionary 12.5%	28,587
Hall Overheads & Maintenance	9,491
Insurance	4,800
Outreach	3,769
Pastoral	140
Quinquennial Repairs	8,000
Sound System maintenance	500
Support	1,062
Training	2,000
Worship	1,800
Youth	3,250
Total Expenditure	£ 249,556

Deficit/Excess Income over Expenditure	£ <u>None</u>
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