



SHERBORNES WITH
PAMBER CHURCHES

Serving for Growth

Our Vision...

We want to see lives transformed as people from every generation and every part of our communities **connect** with church, **share** in God's love, and grow in **faith** in Jesus.

Our Mission...

Connect

with our communities

Share

God's love

Grow

in our faith in Jesus

... relying on the Holy Spirit to help us

Where does serving fit in?

Achieving our mission and seeing our vision realised couldn't happen without all those who generously invest their time, energy and gifts into different ministries and activities in church life. The Bible makes it clear that all who have been served by Christ have our part to play in growing the church through our service of him. It also encourages us that Christ will go on serving us, equipping us through his Word with everything we need.

*"Christ gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, **to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...**"*

(Ephesians 4v11-12)

Much of our service is not organised formally, (for example praying, caring, hospitality and encouraging others), and is just as valued as the service that involves joining a ministry or rota.

Serving for Growth is an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully review the ways we serve in church life. Some of us may feel able to do more, others will perhaps feel we should do less, and some may want to try serving in a new ministry area.

Connect 

Share 

Grow 

5 Ministry Areas where there are opportunities to serve:

MINISTRY SUPPORT



Administration

Support our Parish Administrator with tasks such as publicising events and updating our website.

Contact Stewart:
07359 717577

Cleaning

Join one of the cleaning teams for our buildings.

Contact Andy:
07885 692691
(St Andrew's or Pamber Priory)
Contact Val:
07880 721 769
(All Saints')

Buildings Maintenance

Offer practical support to help maintain our buildings.

Grounds Keeping

Join our regular gardening working parties.

Contact Tim:
07901 995540

YOUTH & CHILDREN



Little Acorns' Baby & Toddler Group:

Help with this group on a Wednesday morning providing a space, snacks, craft, toys and a Bible Story for pre-schoolers and their carers.

Contact Becky: 07759 930439

Groups during Sunday Services

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Contact Becky: 07759 930439

Sunday Club: 4-10s

Contact Caroline: 07740 466867 or

Pippa: 07798 550023

StAy: 10-14s

Contact David F: 07785 300588

EVENTS



Women's & Men's

Help plan, organise and run men's, women's and joint events at different times throughout the year.

Contact Liz G: 07770 373282
or Steve: 07474 256956

Families

Help plan, organise and run events for families such as the Egg Hunt and Light Trail.

Contact Becky: 07759 930439

PASTORAL CARE



Visiting & Support

Visit people in their home, care home or hospital to chat, pray and offer encouragement and/or practical support.

Contact Jenny C: 07770 786667

Catering

Join a team who can be contacted ad-hoc when catering is needed for an event (providing and/or serving), or to support a household in need.

Contact Julie: 07703 720961

Care Homes

Help with our regular services at Marnel Lodge & The Grange Care Homes.

Contact Jenny C: 07770 786667

Bereavement Care

Help with our Bereavement Cafe by serving refreshments and offering support and a listening ear.

Contact Julie: 07703 720961

Bell Ringing

Join the team of Bell Ringers who play before our services (rehearsals on Thursday evenings).

**Contact Keith G:
07494 059590**

CHURCH SERVICES



Bible Reading

Read the Bible passage(s) from the lectern.

**Contact Stewart:
07359 717577**

Camera & Visuals

Set up the laptop & camera and operate during the service.

**Contact Andy:
07885 692691**

Flowers

Provide flower arrangements for services.

Contact Julie: 07703 720961

Leading Prayers

Lead the congregation in prayer for our world, nation, community and church.

**Contact Stewart:
07359 717577**

Music & Singing

Help to lead congregational singing by playing an instrument or singing.

**Contact Jenny S:
07595 318140**

Refreshments

Help to set up, serve and tidy away refreshments at the end of services.

**Contact Liz R:
07595 370418**

Sound

Set up the sound system and operate the desk during the service.

**Contact Shaun:
07545 622635**

Welcoming

Welcome people as they arrive at church, direct newcomers and answer any questions they might have.

**Contact Lynda:
07580 695633**

Next steps for all of us

1. Consider your serving prayerfully.

Below are some biblical principles to help:

Growth

Serving God should help us to grow in our faith as we bear fruit for Jesus: *“live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.” (Colossians 1v10)*

Sacrifice

Serving God will be costly: *“Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.” (Romans 12v1).*

Joy

Serving God should bring us joy: *“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!” (Philippians 4v1)*

2. Take a break

If there is an area of Ministry you would like to take a break from, contact the relevant Ministry Overseer or Stewart to let them know so that you can be removed from that ministry and rota for next term.

3. Try something

If there is an area of Ministry you would like to try, scan the QR Code below to complete our Serving for Growth Form or contact the relevant Ministry Overseer. Someone will be in touch to arrange a Taster Session this term.

4. Commit

When you’re ready you can join a Ministry and rota if there is one. This will involve a Safer Recruitment process which the Ministry Overseer and Safeguarding Team will guide you through.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this booklet and prayerfully consider how you are playing your part in growing God’s church. If you have any questions or would like to chat it through please don’t hesitate to get in touch.

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