* Safeguarding Training for lay people
* Safeguarding Training for clergy
* See what’s happening in the ‘What’s On’ pages of website
* Small Group Training
* Stewardship Advice
* Training and study courses
* Treasurer training
* Vocations support (lay and ordained)

***Prayer:*** When the offerings were finished, the king and everyone present with him knelt down and worshiped. (2Chronicles 29: 29)

Over the weeks we see how God generously ***provides*** for us and asks us to ***live*** generously for him, but our first response is to ***worship*** him.

We pray together: **Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen**

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***Take Away Activity:***

In the week(s) ahead ***ask God*** to help you look back at the Activity & Information Sheets of past weeks. Reflect on God’s generosity, and on how you can use your Time, Talents, & Money. ***Ask God*** to help you live a life of generosity, gift and grace, in and through and with, Jesus Christ.

**Generosity, Gift & Grace**

**Session 5**

**The bigger picture – Sharing and Supporting**

***Activity: True or False Quiz***

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| 1. It’s the Church of England so English Heritage pay for the upkeep of all church buildings and the government pays the clergy like civil servants. | True  or  False |
| 2. The Church of England is a large landowner and the income from that should be enough to provide a good income to pay for all our clergy. | True  or  False |
| 3. Cathedrals are not funded from the Parish Share (or Assessment) | T or F |
| 4. Jesus talked about money more than he talked about prayer. | T or F |
| 5. I don’t mind paying for things in my local church, but we have to pay Parish Share to the diocese, and we don’t see anything back in the parish in respect of the payments we make to the diocese. | True  or  False |
| 6. Parish Share helps maintain the parish system which put a Christian presence from the Church of England into every community. | True  or  False |
| 7. If churches don’t have enough income, it’s more appropriate to try to do some fundraising than to teach about giving because talking about giving will upset people and drive them away. | True  or  False |
| 8. I am a hardworking church officer, giving loads of time to my church and therefore do not feel that I should be asked to give money as well. | True  or  False |

***The Reading is from Matthew 12: 46 – 50***

46While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. 47Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you.” 48He replied to him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” 49Pointing to his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. 50For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

This is the Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God**

***Activity: Thinking about the Reading***

***Have a chat about your thoughts!***

* How does Jesus describe those who do God’s will?
* Why is this surprising?
* What does this passage show us about our relationship to other Christians?
* How does this affect our attitudes to them?

***Activity: We are a Family***

Though we can function well as an individual church, there are times when we need some additional help or advice. Below is a list of offices/people at the Diocesan Offices who can help us.

* Underline or tick the ones you knew about.
* Put an **\*** next to those St Andrew’s has used in the past 2 years.
* Advertised events in the ‘What’s On’ of the website
* Churchwarden Training
* Diocesan Advisory Committee/Faculty advice for buildings
* Diocesan Children’s Advisor
* Diocesan Registry
* Diocesan Vision Course
* Diocesan Website
* Diocesan Youth Advisor
* GDPR Training
* Churchyard Advice
* Mission / Vision Action Planning
* Parish Finance and Mission Returns
* Parish Resources Website
* PCC Secretary handbook
* Publications
* Reader Training
* Routes of Faith