

TEWARDSHIP MYTHS AND TRUTHS

literal definition of Stewardship:

Holding in trust and managing the estate of another.”

Myth	Truth
“Giving to the church is giving to God.”	“Using all our resources faithfully is giving to God.”
“Stewardship is our responsibility to the church.”	“Stewardship is our responsibility AS the church.”
“Stewardship is about money.”	“Stewardship is about life.”
“Financial stewardship encourages equal gifts.”	“Financial stewardship encourages equal sacrifice.”
“Give until it hurts!”	“Give until it feels good!”
“We give as we are informed.”	“We give as we believe.”
“We give as we prosper.”	“We give as we believe.”
“We give according to need.”	“We give as we believe.”
“We give as we are able.”	“We give as we believe.”

If you plan to ask for a church reference for the primary school in either of the next two years, you need to talk to Juliet Byford who has responsibility for this process.

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Welcome to St Stephen's

6 June 2010

First Sunday after Trinity

10 am – Children's half hour

Parents are invited to go to the hall for coffee and cakes

10.30 am – Eucharist



Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gospel

Luke 7.11-17

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11 Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. 12 As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. 13 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' 14 Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' 15 The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favourably on his people!' 17 This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.



After the Gospel we sing:

Amazing love, oh what sacrifice

The Son of God, given for me

My debt He paid, and my death He died

That I might live, that I might live

