

# CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER

During our Stewardship series we have encouraged each other to audit our use of time, talents and money; as well as considering our response to the Creation ordinance to 'take care of the created order'.

This short paper brings together some of the material used, and some additional material to help us audit our consumption and look at steps we might take in caring for creation.

All of us have been gifted with time, talents and money from God and we only give out of what he has given us. Each of us are in different places – we may struggle with the amount of money we have, but find we have time to give, others may be time poor but have money we can readily give.

God's call on each of us is to give from what we have not what we don't have.

So:

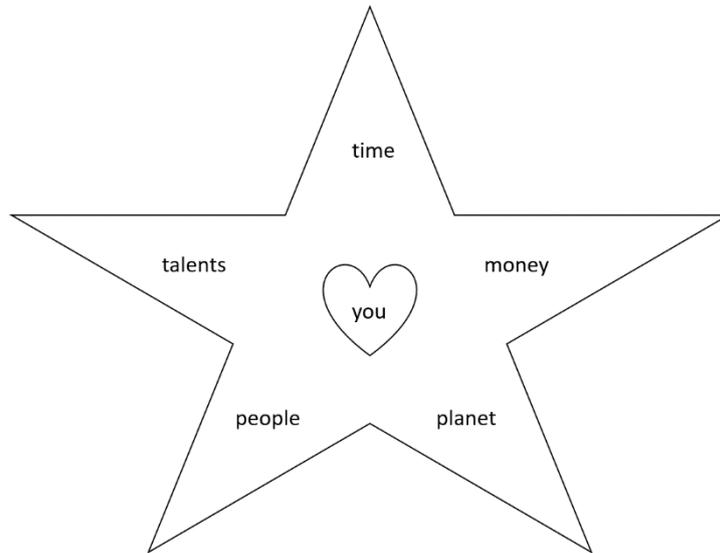
Where has God been challenging you?

What things is he asking you to lay down?

What things is he asking you to continue?

What things is he asking you to pick up?

# Consumption Audit



## ***You***

1. How could you improve the quality of your sleep?
2. What could you do to improve your diet?
3. How else might you improve your physical and mental health?
4. Which virtues could you practise more in your life?
5. If you loved yourself as much as God loves you, what could you do to convince yourself of this great love?

## ***Time***

1. How might you gain more control over how you use your time?
2. What more could you do to align your use of time with your values?
3. If you had more time, how would you spend it?
4. How could you programme these things in anyway?
5. Where could you 'spend' some of your time more profitably?

## ***Talents***

1. What are your strengths? How do you know?
2. What activities give you energy?
3. What would even your worst enemy have to admit you're really good at?
4. Where in your life could you use your talents more?
5. What could you do to develop your talents?

## ***Money***

1. What is your money supporting?
2. Looking at your bank statement, what changes could you make that would make you prouder of it next month?
3. What alternatives are possible for those transactions that make you feel uncomfortable?
4. How might you save enough for a rainy day?
5. What more could you give or lend, and where?

## ***People***

1. Which of your relationships need more work?
2. What more could you do to be a better friend and neighbour?
3. Who in your family needs more love from you?
4. Who in your neighbourhood needs more love from you?
5. Who in the world needs more love from you?

## ***Planet***

1. How much is enough for you?
2. What could you give away?
3. What do you throw away, and where does it go?
4. How could you optimise your energy use?
5. What could you do to love our planet more?

## **Caring for Creation**

With thanks to the Environment Task Group from the Church Council.

Some simple suggestions to start with:

- Garden organically: dig weeds up and put them in the green bag rather than use chemicals
- Eat produce that is locally produced and seasonal
- Put up a bird table
- Put up nesting boxes (give the swifts a home next year)
- Leave one area of the garden to grow wild
- Go one day a week without meat
- Walk or cycle rather than use the car
- Consider alternatives to flying
- Do you 'need' or 'want' that new item of clothing (and what about the others in the wardrobe)?
- Seek to avoid single use plastic

To get a measure of your carbon footprint try

[www.footprint.wwf.org.uk](http://www.footprint.wwf.org.uk)

For diocesan resources, including a personal audit, see

<https://www.winchester.anglican.org/harvest/>

Through the Environment Task Group, Christ Church is seeking awards in the eco-Church scheme. See

<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

For more information contact the group through the church office.

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