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“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”

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**GIVING, GENEROSITY,
& THANKFULNESS**

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FOR A
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Church volunteers are indispensable

- Thank you.
- You are the watchers on wall.
- Many volunteers have multiple roles at your churches.
- No volunteers = no churches.
- When was the last time you were thanked?
- When did you last thank others who help you?



Being kinder to yourselves and others

- Resources provided by regulators and support organisations.
- Accept and embrace training opportunities.
- Fixed terms of office.
- Role profiles.
- Succession planning.



Volunteering challenges

- Low levels of volunteering.
- Older generations and younger generations.
- If you were run over by a double decker...
- Volunteering is evangelism.
- Churchmanship.
- Mandatory training.



Embrace change and look for opportunities

- Treasurer - too off-putting?
- Charity fund accounting is very different.
- Training at a basic level.
- Technology and online solutions.



Helping and supporting each other

- Discipleship or being someone's buddy.
- Multi-church volunteers.
- National and regional organisations.
- 'Churches Together' locally.



Practicing what we preach

- Diocesan strategy.
- Gift Aid Lite scheme.
- Giving conferences and training
- Newsletters and social media.
- Parish Share animation.
- Church Officer videos.



“They were righteous and looked down on everybody else”

- Structure of UK charity sector.
- Guidance from regulators and services from other organisations aimed at paid staff.
- Training incorrectly pitched
- Realistic expectations.



“For nothing will be impossible with God”

- Marking our own homework.
- Charity Commission registration.
- HMRC change.
- Gift Aid and GASDS rules.
- Embracing digital giving.



Questions

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