

anglican parish of BOKSBURG

Serving God in Worship, and serving one another in care.

OFFERING OF TIME AND TALENTS TO GOD THROUGH DEDICATION TO THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

Dedication to the church is

- * not just a money pledge, but giving oneself: time talents and money
- * for every one - ie a family affair

The form has several opportunities for you to offer to minister for God in His Church.

There are 4 columns, that allows for 4 members of the family to be actively involved in Time and Talents. If you have more than 4 active in the family, then please add another column, or perhaps use one column for 2 people, using initials rather than a cross.

Go through the list putting a cross next to those ministries which you would like to do. Each one is explained below. If training is necessary, it will be arranged.

God said "Whom shall I send? Who will go for me?"
 "Here am I, Lord, send me."

ANY TASK NO MATTER HOW SMALL IS A WITNESS TO GOD AND PART OF THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH.

FOOTNOTE; In order to promote the teaching syllabus in Teen Worship as the preparation for confirmation, members of Teen Worship will only be put on duty in adult worship once in every month.

Junior Worship members will not be put on duty in adult worship except in some circumstances at the Family masses on the Great Feasts.

GROUP A. WORSHIP MINISTRY GROUP ONE

1. Sacristan: there is a place here for the neat and fastidious - of any age or gender - to prepare the vessels and vestments for each service. Duty is done either for a specific weekday or for one Sunday per month.
2. Servers: of either gender from Teens to nineties, to assist at the altar at Mass. Currently St Raphael's does not have servers.
3. Choir: This involves a great commitment - but the rewards are great too. Choir practices are held on Sunday mornings twice a month (2nd and 4th Sundays) from 10.45 to 11.45.
4. Readers: to read the lessons at evensong, and Masses, and at special services such as the carol services and the Easter Vigil.
5. Flower arranging: we can use your talent to give that extra atmosphere and beauty to the services.

GROUP B; WORSHIP MINISTRY GROUP TWO.

Because these ministries cannot be combined at the same service, a maximum of two may be chosen from this group.

1. Welcomer; The welcomers greet those arriving for worship. An important part of this task is to know the congregation by name, and be able to identify any new comer or visitor, to see that they are made welcome, are shown what happens and are introduced to others at tea after the service.
2. Sidesmen: This is a very important job. The sidesman is responsible for the comfort of the congregation and for front of house arrangements. He - or she - also counts the collection and sees to the ordering of the services - ringing bells etc. It is appropriate for married couples to do duty together.
3. Serving tea.: Tea after the service is the foundation of fellowship. We

particularly need this.

4. Sound (and video) tech's; These volunteers organise the sound systems for the microphones, play recorded music (St Gabriel's and St Raphael's) and operating the data projectors (at St Raphael's). It is (apart from the microphones) done through computers, but the programmes are fairly simple to learn.

5. Car park duty, to look after the cars so that those inside can worship without worry.

GROUP C; . YOUTH WORSHIP

1/2/3. Teen Worship, Junior Worship and Kid's Praise. We always need those who through their own commitment to Jesus can inspire the young. In this lies the health of the church. To make it less of a burden we have a team for each age group so that you have Sundays off.

GROUP D. CARING MINISTRIES

1. Guild of St Luke; a group of people who undertake to pray for those who suffer from chronic (long-term) illness. The guild has two special services in the month (a Sunday evensong and a Thursday 9am Mass), at one of which members undertake to be present to pray for the chronic ill.

2. Prayer Chain: members undertake to pray upon request by WhatsApp telephone for anyone in urgent need - of any sort.

3. Funeral Tea; We provide bereaved families with this service, so they can be freed to greet the friends who attend the service and not have this burden. We do charge and those who provide eats can be re-imbursed for their costs.

YOU NEED YOUR CHURCH. YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU. PLEASE

NOTE YOU COMMIT YOURSELF FOR THE ONE YEAR ONLY. NEXT YEAR YOU MAY FIND YOU WANT TO CHANGE YOUR COMMITMENT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE COUNCILLORS.