

## ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND

### *'Sharing Christ through friendship' - SMALL GROUPS NOTES*

Stewardship, w/beg 10 Feb. 2013. Bible passages:

**Matt. 25:14-30; Rom 12:1-8**

**One body, many members**

<b>Welcome/ icebreaker</b>	What gifts do you have and how do you use them for the benefit of others? Share simple examples.
<b>Worship</b>	Take my life, and let it be – SoF 519 – sing if able or just consider the verses in the light of our giftings
<b>Word (refs.↓)</b>	<i>NB: Sermon available to listen to on <a href="http://www.stbchurch.org.uk">www.stbchurch.org.uk</a> (click on the 'downloads' tab).</i>
Matthew 25:14-30	Read the parable of the talents. Was the master harsh to punish the servant who hid his talent? Were the reasons given by this servant for his poor stewardship valid or simply excuses?
Heb 10:24- 25	Had the 'wicked' servant had someone 'spur him on', and encourage him, he might have been encouraged to use his talent. What opportunity do we have to spur on others?
Rom 12:1-8	Meditate on verse 5 – what does it tell us about our relationships within the church? If you have time look at other lists of gifts, in 1 Cor 12:4ff for example. Consider the ministry gifts in Eph 4:11ff – let's ask God to strengthen us all in the use of these precious gifts, especially, Francis.
<b>Witness</b>	Reflecting on what you have read and discussed, take time to listen to God – humble yourself and ask Him to examine your heart and motives and gently reveal any areas where you need to seek forgiveness and his strengthening. Ask God to show you how you can use your giftings to bring glory to Jesus this week through even the simplest act; Pray - for the church leaders and members of the PCC – that they might use their diverse gifts wisely for the benefit of the body and to the glory of God.