

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND
SMALL GROUP NOTES - Sharing Christ through friendship

w/b 22 March 2015 – Lent 5 – Readings: Philippians 4:10-23 (+ Matt. 6:19-24)
A life worth living (9) – New Generosity (based on Nicky Gumbel’s book/ course)

Welcome/ icebreaker	Discuss “No matter how much we receive, it seems we are rarely satisfied. When asked, “How much money is enough?”, the late John D. Rockefeller reportedly answered, “Just a little bit more.””
Worship	<i>Suggestions for songs:</i> - 73 Come on and Celebrate; 167 Here I am; 407 O breath of Life; 596 or 1606 When I survey; 1583 We have a Gospel
Word (refs.↓)	<u>A life worth living</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NB Sermon from Sunday’s service available to listen to on www.stbchurch.org.uk • For further study, why not watch Nicky Gumbel’s talk on this passage as part of the ‘Life worth Living’ Alpha follow-up course –(on video from the office) Sorry I cannot give you a youtube site for this talk
Phil. 4:11/12	Here Paul: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has learnt to be content ○ Knows about need ○ Knows about plenty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss your understanding of these three points; your own situations and how Jesus Christ has fulfilled the desires of your heart.
Phil 4:13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what it means to you to be able to do everything through someone who gives you strength. • What part of the course has helped you to recognise that Jesus Christ/God is the source of that strength?
Phil 4:14-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much do you agree with the statement that generous giving brings joy to others? • Discuss an occasion where you have been in receipt of a generous gift, providing of course that it is discussable within the group.
Phil 4:17 - 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much do you agree with the statement that generous giving brings joy to the lives of those who give? • Discuss where STB has demonstrated that it is a church of generous givers. • How may we improve our giving?
Phil 4:18 - 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In what way does generous giving bring joy to God?
Witness/ Group life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pray for your mission link and others whom God brings to mind today ➤ Consider inviting friends/ family who aren’t yet Christians to a get-together over Easter (NB Easter Day <i>refresh</i> service with communion at 10.30am) ➤ Take time this week to read the Church of England Bishop’s pastoral letter re. the upcoming General Election, which has Phil. 4:8 as its ‘text’ .https://www.churchofengland.org/media/2170230/whoismyneighbour-pages.pdf