

I will bless them and let them
live around my hill. I will
cause the rains to come
when it is time; there will be
showers to bless them.

Ezekiel 34:26



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Generous Giving

The Widow's Coins



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KNOW WHAT:

- This week we are beginning a short series on Generosity and Stewardship.
- God is an incredibly generous God who loves us and always wants to provide the best for us. He has made us stewards of all that he has given us, to use wisely for ourselves and for others.
- Jesus and his friends were in the Temple and saw people going to give their offerings to God. Many of those who had lots of money went and gave in a loud and extravagant way so that people would notice them. One elderly widow came in quietly and offered 2 small coins to God.
- Jesus said that the widow gave more because whilst the financial value had been less, the cost to her was more.

SO WHAT:

- There is no formula for giving, no simple sum to show how much we should give. Instead we should examine our hearts to see if we, like God and like the widow, are being generous.

NOW WHAT:

- Let us thank God for his good gifts.
- Let us consider how we can reflect God's generosity in our own giving

LUKE'S LETTERS:

Do you have a vision for you life? How about for your family? Do you have a vision for this village? What about a vision for this church?

I have a vision for this church that it would be at the heart of our community, that it would reach out to people of all ages and share God's love with people. I would love to see people in the church encouraged to know God better and find out more about Jesus. I dream of seeing people outside the church hearing the good news of Jesus.

I'm really fortunate that I get to work to try to realise my dreams. On top of Foundation and Ignite I get to visit at least 2 schools every week to tell children about God, I build relationships through activities like toddler group and throughout the week I take chances to arrange visits to church, meet up with people and pray for our community.

As a church we have a vision to Encounter God, Encourage Others and Engage Our World. Our church has been in Chalfont St Peter for over 1000 years, seeking to join in with what God has been doing locally and globally through the ages.

What's your vision for the church in Chalfont St Peter? What's your vision for the church around the world?

What can you do about it?