



Sermon Notes

Term – Summer 2022

Series – A worshipping Community

Gathering & Date – the 10, 12 June 2022

Title – A life of worship to the glory of God ...

Preacher – Paul Langham

Reading – Exodus 35

Notes

What we learn from this passage

1. it takes everyone: v. 4 / 20 the whole community ...
2. ... responding to the Lord's command (4, 10, 29)
3. ... and to his particular blessing and anointing
 - ... with what they have (5)
 - ... all who are skilled (10)
 - ... Bezalel and Oholiab: 30 – 35)
4. ... and to his prompting
 - if they are willing (5, 21, 22, 29)
 - whose heart moved them (21)

Questions

- What is the Lord saying?
- What do you have? i.e. what has he given you? (money, time, skills)
- Are you willing?
- What's your heart moving you to do?

Appendix: Christ Church Finances

As detailed at the Annual Church Family Meeting, along with many other churches and charities, we face a financial shortfall:

- £100,000 outstanding for the RENEW Project
- £50,000 expected deficit by the end of 2022

As a church family, we are blessed by the regular giving of many members of the church family. If you're new and haven't started giving yet, or if you've not renewed your regular giving for a number of years, may I invite you prayerfully to consider that?

Exodus 35 reminds us that, as well as regular giving (in the OT that was the tithe; in the NT, the system is that of sacrificial giving in response to the Lord's prompting), God's people also give one-off "freewill offerings" to meet particular needs.

Our church database indicates that 787 adults consider themselves members of the church family. We would eliminate our entire shortfall of £150k if each of us made a one-off gift of just £190. Clearly, not every one of those 787 would be able to do so. But if 500 of us gave just £300, the deficit would be cleared.

Please prayerfully consider what the Lord is asking you to do in response to this appeal. Thank you!