

# Sermon Notes

## 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Generosity

#### Our God is incredibly generous

- He gives us so much (John 3:16 and many others):
  - Life
  - A beautiful, complex world to live in
  - Community and companionship
  - The life of His only son
  - The Holy Spirit
- In living generously, we learn to see the world as God sees it
- Giving is an act of worship (Philippians 4:18)
- We are Jesus' hands and feet in the world and we act in His name (Matthew 25:34-40)

#### So what should we do about it?

- We all have something to give: money, time, expertise (Romans 12:1)
- The amount doesn't matter. What matters is that we give generously of what we have (Luke 21:1-4)
- Giving money and volunteering our time or expertise is good for us, as well as for the thing we're supporting

#### To whom should we give?

- Church
  - It costs to keep the building open, light and warm
  - Special projects such as the hub
  - There are volunteer opportunities too (speak to one of the deacons, or to Charis)
- Other charities
- Directly to anyone who has need (Acts 2:45-46)

**Challenge for the week:** Take a post-it and write on it something you can be more generous with this week. It might be money, or time, or expertise or something else. Find someone you trust deeply and share with them how you're going to try to be generous this week. Ask them to call you next Sunday to ask how you got on. Keep it completely confidential between the two of you (Matthew 6:2-4!)

#### Space for your notes: