

To be read out on Stewardship Sundays 2020

Maurice Giblenn, a longstanding member of our Congregation, an ex member of the Choir & Churchwarden, was asked whether he would be willing to write his Testimony on 'Why He Tithes'. This was his willing response & when the Stewardship Committee read it we found what he wrote down to be inspiring & have decided to read it out today for you all to hear. We hope you too find it inspiring & reflect on what he wrote.

Maurice headed it "My Life":-

My parents were married in All Saints' Church by Rev. George Godfrey in October of the year 1919. I was born in 1928, being their 3rd child. At the age of 8 years old, Reverend Godfrey approached my mother regarding me becoming a Chorister, we promptly agreed but I was a reluctant attender.

However, looking back over many years, my mother did the right thing because it formed the basis for my 'Spiritual Growth' & I am truly grateful. I was beginning to awaken myself to the fact that I wasn't putting God 1st in my Life in the Spiritual sense & so I started saying my Prayers every morning & evening & began reading a Passage of Scripture daily.

I was elected to the PCC & afterwards elected to become Churchwarden, which seemed to present more problems because I was also made Financial Recorder for several years. On its conclusion I began to feel happier & was asked to administer the Chalice both in Church, taking Communion to people in their homes & also taking some Midweek Services.

I was now feeling much happier as I began trying to put God first in my Life much more, which gave me great Joy & I was thankful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I am also eternally grateful for the love of Thelma who I married in 1952. Now I am 91 years old & my brain & body movements do not act so well currently but I hope you give thought to what I have written, I was never a Newspaper Reporter & used to writing articles & I left school at 14 years old but I have written this down in my own hand for you to hear read out on Stewardship Sunday 2020.

M Giblenn