Each year we want to take the time to look to the year ahead and consider how we can all be involved in serving at St Martin’s. God continues to be very gracious to us. We have much to be thankful for. We encourage you to throw yourself wholeheartedly into serving at St Martin’s in 2015. But we also don’t want you to feel that if you volunteer to do something once, you’re then stuck on a roster until Jesus returns. So please make a one year commitment. Our church is a body, and we all have a different part to play, and each is essential to the whole.

Please fill in the form and put in the marked box, or complete online at:


**What is your SHAPE?**

God has given each of us a different SHAPE, and understanding your SHAPE goes some way to working out how you can best be involved in serving others. The word SHAPE points to five different characteristics:

**Spiritual gifts:** We all have a unique set of talents that God has given us as part of who we are. These include abilities that I've had most of my life or ones I've recently gained. God has also given his church "gifts": evangelists, teachers etc; so that his body (his people) might be built up. When we use our giftedness in service for his church they are recognised as Spiritual gifts.

**Heart:** God gives each of us a unique set of interests and passions for particular activities. God uses those things about which we feel deeply, to show us where we can serve without quickly burning out.

**Availability:** There are different seasons in life that affect our ability to serve others. Sickness, age, work, children and so on will all affect our availability for different areas of service.

**Personality:** God can use my personality. God can use all of us, whether we're extroverts or introverts; whether we enjoy routine or variety; whether we like detail or more the big picture; whether we prefer what we can see and touch or the realm of ideas; whether we prefer action or planning.

**Experience:** God has placed a multitude of experiences in my life to help mould me for ministry. God can use many of our experiences in our background to help heal hurts in our church and in our community.

Whether we are new Christians or have been disciples for a long time; whether we think we know the Bible well or are just learning: whether we are multi-talented or have very few talents, Jesus has a role for us in his church, which Paul likens to his body. In fact, Christ delights in working through us. He just wants us to trust him.

**There are three steps to take:**
1. Work out what you think about your involvement right now;
2. Prayerfully consider your SHAPE
3. Prayerfully consider the church's needs

Don’t forget that there are plenty of opportunities for serving others that are not as structured eg. encouraging one another at church each week, reading the Bible and praying with one another, visiting each other, offering hospitality and lifts to church, giving others a phone call to see how they are, writing a letter...and so on.
Here are some ways you can help at St Martin’s. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve the body of Christ and our community in the coming year. Many hands make light work so please tick as many as you are able/willing to do. *We really need EACH member of St Martin’s to fill in a form. Thank you!*

Name: ____________________________ ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Suburb ___________________________ Post Code __________

Phone: ____________________________ Mobile no: ____________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________

☐ I give permission for my name, phone/mobile number to be used in a church directory distributed to other congregation members.

**I will attend:** ☐ 8am ☐ 10am ☐ Youth ☐ 6pm ☐ Evensong ☐ Wed 10am

**Sunday ministries:**
☐ Welcoming/Sidesperson
☐ Service leading
☐ Bible reading
☐ Leading prayers in church
☐ Communion assistant
☐ Music
☐ Singing

☐ Powerpoint/PA
☐ Morning tea/supper
☐ Crèche
☐ 3’s and 4’s (preschoolers)
☐ 10am Kids - Infants/Primary (term time)
☐ 10am Kids - Infants/Primary (school holidays)
☐ Youth Group

**Mid-week and other ministries:**
☐ Prayer ministry
☐ Pastoral care/visiting
☐ Men’s ministry
☐ Women’s ministry
☐ Follow up/integrate newcomers
☐ Social activities organiser
☐ Freezer ministry
☐ KPS Scripture teacher
☐ KPS Scripture helper
☐ ESL teacher
☐ ESL helper
☐ “Pupil free day” helper
☐ Childminding for a bible study group
☐ Playtime helper
☐ Office admin support
☐ Letter box drop
☐ Evensong afternoon tea helper

☐ Mission support prayer/liaison
☐ Flowers for Sunday services
☐ Linen/silver
☐ Brass
☐ Banking
☐ Tidying Memorial wall
☐ Gardening

Other skills, comments or ideas: Please tell us what you can help with so we can create a skills database ie. plumbing, odd jobs, maintenance, electrical, IT web, graphic design, PR, Comms:

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