

## St Paul's Church, Wokingham: Tithings Groups

Shortly before Covid arrived and lockdowns started in 2019/2020 we set up Tithings Groups at St Paul's as a way of connecting the conversation and as a way of supporting each other, especially in times of hardship. Most of the groups were deliberately constructed to enable people to meet people they didn't already know, but some of them ended up being built around friendship groups and things like the choir. Covid turned out to be both a challenge and opportunity for the groups- some of them flourished and some of them never quite got going.

We would like to relaunch Tithing Groups from September as a foundation stone of our shared life at St Paul's. We are asking people to commit to a group for 18 months and then we will look at things again at the end of 2024. It is not a big commitment- could you turn up about every 8 weeks or so for a social gathering or a Book Reading or to do a practical job together as a way of helping to build up our common life and offer support and friendship to each other?

Please can you discuss this with others and then respond after prayer and reflection by returning the bottom half of this letter to the Parish Office by the end of July? We might not be able to meet everyone's preferences but will try our best.

Thanks. *Richard Lamey*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be in a specific group built around:

These people \_\_\_\_\_

This group of people \_\_\_\_\_

My current Tithings Group

I would be happy to be put in any Tithings Group

The things my group did really well which I would like to pass on to others is...

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Your details will be passed on to other members of the Tithings Group and kept on file in the office for the administration of this initiative.