



## **2024 Hope: Vision and Giving**

In this session we will be speaking about our shared vision for the year as St James and St Mary's. We will speak specifically about how financial stewardship plays a role in this and discuss how we can collectively take steps in this area. We recognise that finance can often be a sensitive and difficult topic to speak about, so let's travel gently together – recognizing that we are all in different places with this.

**Pray:** Start by opening in prayer and worship

**Reflect:** To help people get going on the theme...

- Is there someone you have seen (present or historically) work towards a hope, what characterizes this?
- What do you think about our wider vision as a church this year 'Becoming who we are'?

**Read:** Read Romans 8:1-21, out loud, notice what strikes you, a word, phrase or a feeling. (other texts to reference: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Malachi 3:6-12)

**Watch:** Click the link to hear Jude & Mike talk about hope and financial giving: [YOUTUBE](#)

**Discuss:** Here are some discussion questions which may be helpful:

- What resonates with you in the discussion?
- In what ways do you find it easier to be generous and in what ways do you find it harder?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 where Paul speaks about the Generosity of the church in Corinth. In the Video Mike & Jude talk about being a cheerful/hilarious giver and how in experience we may find it difficult at the time but we can look back in joy. How does this resonate with you and your financial giving to church?
- Where do you ideally hope to get to regarding giving financially to church? What do you imagine your next steps might be to move towards this?

**Close** by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another