


Week beginning November 15th

# Using Well What God Gives

## Opening Questions

- Are you a risk taker? Or are you someone who prefers a more cautious approach?
- What blessings have you received from God recently?

## Getting into the text

Read Matthew 25:14-30

- Who do you think the man going on a journey in the parable represents?

- Each servant was given bags of gold 'according to his ability.' What do you think this phrase means in the context of the story?

- Why were the first two servants rewarded? What would sharing in their 'master's happiness' mean for them?

- Why did the third servant bury his bag of gold? How did the master react when he heard what he had done?

- What did Jesus want his listeners to learn from this parable?

## Applying the Bible to your life

- What gifts has God given you to use in his kingdom? If you are not sure why not ask someone else to tell you what they think? (sometimes it is easier to recognise another person's gifts rather than your own)

- What does this parable tell you about how you are to be using your gifts as you wait for Jesus to return?

## Something to pray about

In Romans 12:6 Paul writes, **'We have different gifts according to the grace given to each of us.'**

- Thank God for the gifts he has given you and ask him to show you how to use them in his kingdom.
- Pray for those who have been given the gift of leadership in the church, both at St Philip's and in the wider world, asking God to give them strength and encouragement.
- Pray that in the church family at St Philip's each person would be able to play their part in reaching out to those who do not know Jesus yet.