



Parish of Kirby-Hilton
(Church of the Ascension)
Anglican Archdeaconry of Umngeni
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Stewardship: 'We All Belong To God...'

³ Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Psalm 100:3

Friends in Christ, we are 4 weeks away from Advent which marks the beginning of our Church Year an opportunity for New Beginnings, moments of freshed Grace, Healing and a time to be watchful to what we are called to as a parish.

We have experienced a lot this year as a parish family and yet we are here because of God's faithfulness. Generally the month of October is Stewardship Month however with all that has happened now (November 2022) is good opportunity for us to begin afresh and be reminded that *We All Belong To God*. God calls us to steward everything about our lives for his glory and the good of others.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be reminded of what it means to Belong to God and how we can re-commit ourselves to being stewards of God's Kingdom here at our parish. We are all called to serve in our daily lives and more so through our parish – The Church of Ascension. Stewardship is the acts of Worship, Prayer, Serving Others, Social and Spiritual fellowship, Giving of Time, Talent and Treasure and this is ultimately what we are called to be watchful for.

I would like to challenge every one of us to reflect on what it means to 'Belong to God' and how we can enact being stewards to our parish and our community because God and Church of Ascension is counting on you and we are all needed in starting afresh as a parish. We rely on each person of the parish because it is only together that we can be the Body of Christ and grow together as the Body of Christ.

Friends because *We All Belong To God* let us be stewards together for that is what Christ has called us to in the church and in the world. Our Vision 2022 is "Rooted in Faith-discovering community", we belong to God and hence rooted in faith and this will assist us to re-imagine re-discover what it means to be a community with freshed grace, healing and love for one another.

Yours in Christ

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