

steps to giving

you can give in a variety of ways:

(The following information helps us with our budgeting.)

C: decide to whom you want to give

- MTS General Fund David Forward
 Leanne Slade Andrew Maskell

D: decide amount and frequency

I would like to give \$

- once only **OR**
 fortnightly monthly quarterly yearly

payment period: from ___/___/___
(dates) until ___/___/___

E: decide method of payment

- internet banking *

Transfer your gift direct to St Thomas' using the internet.

- periodic payment *

Contact your bank and complete a Periodic Payment Form for the amount of your gift.

*** account details for internet banking and periodic payments**

ACCOUNT NAME: The Churchwardens, St Thomas' Anglican Church, North Sydney

BANK: Wespac Banking Corporation

BSB: 032 099

ACCOUNT NO: 250072

(Please specify in the description field the name of the **MTS Trainee** or **MTS General Fund**.)

- credit card Please give your credit card details below:

- MasterCard Visa

Card Number

_____/_____/_____/_____

Expiry Date ____/____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

For subsequent donations by credit card, please use forms provided in the church.

- cash / cheque

Any week at St Thomas' you can place into the offertory bag, cash or cheques in an envelope marked with the name of the **MTS Trainee** or **MTS General Fund**.

Cheques can also be sent to the church office at any time.

- Please tick here if you wish to give anonymously.

(When making electronic payments you must enter only the payment details and information you want the bank to pass on to St Thomas'.)

some involved in the past



MTS at St Thomas' was an amazing experience and I recommend it to anyone who is keen to get a taste of what full-time parish ministry is all about. I learned so much about God through his Word and in training seminars and was able to put those things into practice in a capacity that I wouldn't have had if I didn't do MTS. MTS is also an invaluable way for being equipped for life – whether God calls you to serve Him in full-time secular work or in full-time ministry.

MIKE GREENAWAY, MTS GRADUATE IN 2007



I ventured into MTS hoping to grow as a Christian and be better equipped for a lifetime of ministry. In His kindness, God provided well beyond my aspirations for the position! He gave me godly and wise leaders who challenged, taught, rebuked and loved me, modelling to me a faithful life of parish ministry. My relationship with God, my ministry, my work, my relationships, my goals — everything in my life! — has been shaped and sharpened from my MTS apprenticeship.

ZOË PALEOLOGOS, MTS GRADUATE IN 2007



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mts at st thomas' north sydney



Ministry Training Strategy

training young people

- to know Christ
- to serve Christ
- to proclaim Christ

the strategy



Investing in the Ministry Training Strategy is like training a teacher and not just a pupil. It exposes a young person to Ministry areas and issues, it provides Training on the job in theory and practices and it is Strategic because it equips in practical areas before the formal studies begin – so that studies become even more beneficial.

The Lord Jesus is raising up people among us who are proven in good thinking and serving – please help us include them in the ministry of multiplying disciples at St Thomas' and beyond.

SIMON MANCHESTER, RECTOR

the mts apprenticeship



The multiplication of well trained people to proclaim Christ to the world, is a strategy that we learn from the Apostle Paul, who said to his apprentice Timothy: "And the things you heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others." (2 TIMOTHY 2:2)

The Ministry Training Strategy aims to emulate this biblical pattern by training men and women who are considering full-time, paid Christian ministry in the church, both in Australia and overseas. The training and multiplication of suitable people for the spread of the gospel, to extend God's kingdom is of eternal value.

The essence of MTS is learning through active participation in Bible teaching combined with observation and formal training. It is a 'hands-on' 2-year apprenticeship, with each 'trainee' having an MTS trainer with whom they meet regularly. MTS provides an opportunity for trainees to discover their gifts, try their hand at a number of ministries, and grapple with theological and ministry issues, as well as personally growing in their knowledge of God and themselves.

We continue to pray that God would raise up many suitable young men and women for MTS here at St Thomas', and we urge you to support these people as they make this step to serve God and His Kingdom.

JON PHUA, MTS CO-ORDINATOR

our trainees in 2009



Ministry has been exciting, tiring and challenging as I'm learning so much about God, His plans and ministry life, including the juggle between people and administration! This year has provided new opportunities in many of the same ministries as last year: Co-ordinating youth ministry – BASIC

(Years 10–12), HSC study camp, university ministry at ACU, a Retro (uni-aged) Bible Study, primary school scripture, and ministry with the 10am and 7pm congregations. Please pray for my wife Crystal, and for me, as we share ministry together and prepare for study at Moore College next year.

DAVID FORWARD, MTS YEAR 2 IN 2009



It has been a real privilege pursuing MTS. I'm thankful for the opportunity that I've had to grow in my knowledge and understanding of God, grow in godliness and be better equipped for service in the future. It is a blessing to be able to teach others about Jesus and serve God and His people under

the guidance of experienced, godly leaders. I'm involved in a range of ministry activities, including co-leading a 5pm Home Group, co-leading a Women on Tuesday Bible study group, teaching Scripture at North Sydney Dem School, co-ordinating STOMP (a Sunday School group), various one-to-ones and ministry at 5pm church. Doing MTS has helped me make the decision to pursue theological training next year.

LEANNE SLADE, MTS YEAR 2 IN 2009



I'm very thankful for the privilege of having my whole week set aside to learn and grow in ministry. I can already see that this time will be valuable in equipping me for a lifetime of service. I'm currently involved with the BASIC youth group (Years 10–12), Primary School scripture and the

10am and 7pm services. So far this year I've been able to try many new things. I'm growing in my understanding of God's Word and am learning how to better explain it to others. MTS is a great opportunity!

ANDREW MASKELL, MTS YEAR 2 IN 2009

an invitation

Given the opportunity that is before us, we are warmly inviting you to become a partner in this strategic work by becoming a prayer and / or financial partner. It is our hope that you will consider doing this as you learn more about the strategic opportunity that MTS presents.

prayer partnership

Prayer partnership involves committing yourself to prayer for a particular trainee, who will send you periodic updates about their ministry and training.

financial partnership

Financial partnership can either involve supporting a specific trainee or helping to fund the remainder of the costs of MTS at St Thomas'.

if you'd like to be involved

Please complete the details on **this page** and the **form overleaf**, then detach this panel and return it to:

St Thomas' Anglican Church, PO Box 132,
North Sydney, NSW 2059

or place it in the red post box at the back of the church.

A: prayer partnership

I wish to be a prayer partner for

_____ (trainee's name)

B: your personal details

(so you can receive prayer letters)

Mr Mrs Ms other _____

first name _____

family name _____

address _____

suburb _____ postcode _____

email _____

home phone _____

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