

The Faith and Work Page

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So what does your church do during the week?

Confronted by this question, most of us are likely to list that raft of worthy activities such as the youth club, toddler group and women's bright hour that regularly take place on our premises. Activities like this make a vital contribution to our community, but responding in this way relies largely on seeing our local church only as an institution. Once we recognise it as a community, then we also see that what we do during the week is teach children in the local school, drive heavy goods vehicles, manage production lines or a whole host of other working activities. Work introduces us to experiences, networks us with people and offers us insights into things that we would otherwise never have the opportunity to encounter. Through work, the church learns a great deal about how God's creation functions, how human beings behave and often through work we are able to influence these things too. Our Christian faith has much to say about the jobs we do and how we do them, but the jobs we do can also teach us important things about our faith.

**God who speaks through all of creation,
When through work we examine and manipulate this
earth's resources
Help us discover more of the nature of its creator;
When we see the best and worst of human behaviour,
Help us see from new dimensions
The one in whose image we are made;
As we work through corporate plans and strategies,
May we encounter more fully
The God whose purposes we are called to fulfil.
And so may work and life, enterprise and vocation
Become simply one in Your mission on earth - AMEN**

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