

Criteria for applying for funding a Mission trip, gap year internship with a Church or other ministry.

The leadership of St John's church believe that decisions and discernment regarding authentic partnership in mission is undertaken by the community of believers. Practically this means that, projects will be favoured that have involved the leadership from the outset, as opposed to those undertaken independently, but for which funds are later requested. Therefore, we recommend the following sequence as you make your enquiries:

- ✓ **Commit yourself to prayer regarding the kind of work you might undertake.**
- ✓ **Consult friends and family, who are not afraid to speak to you honestly concerning where your strengths lie, and areas you might develop for the good of God's mission. Ask those people to pray with you.**
- ✓ **Speak to Nigel regarding what you are thinking of doing so he can guide you to suitable churches/mission organisations.**
- ✓ **Check that the Mission agency you are going out with are in sympathy with orthodox Biblical teaching as understood by the Church since earliest times.**
- ✓ **Ensure that the Church you are intending to serve with is in sympathy with Biblical teaching as taught at St John's and the North West Partnership.**
- ✓ **Give regular feedback /prayer updates from your gap year internship.**
- ✓ **Be prepared to do the occasional Focus slot and to be involvement in the Mission Supper and be prepared to speak on your trip and how it impacted your faith, how you saw God at work etc.**
- ✓ **If successful in your application, you will receive a percentage towards your trip/ministry; you will be expected to fund the rest.**
- ✓ **The church family will be praying for your trip/ministry.**

