

The Credit Crunch

We are very much aware that many people have been affected by the sharp economic crisis in 2008 which looks set to continue into 2009. This will undoubtedly throw up a lot of personal, economic and spiritual challenges.

Chris and the team will be available to act as first point of contact for any Credit Crunch related issues, whether in the workplace or not, by offering a listening ear and pastoral support.

Workplace Ministry - Goals & Objectives

- Our **vision** is to be a church which encourages whole-life discipleship and values the vocation of each Christian person, not just clergy and full time church workers.
- Our **purpose** is to encourage each Christian disciple to regard their work as a calling from God and to think and act Christianly in the workplace.
- Our **values** are
 - to affirm each person as a child of God
 - to encourage each person to use their gifts creatively and imaginatively
 - to support those who are facing difficult circumstances in the workplace

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Growing up into Christ -
reaching out into the world

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Many people spend two thirds of their waking time at work. At All Saints we want to support Christians in the workplace and encourage them to see their work as a vocation from God. We do not want to view Church members exclusively as how they might contribute to the church in their neighbourhood, but rather as how they might contribute to the growth of the kingdom wherever God has placed them.

The Workplace Support Team

Chris Rigby Smith is the Co-ordinator for the Workplace Support Ministry and the first point of contact for any workplace issue. He is assisted by a small team of All Saints church members with a wide experience of the workplace.

Chris has recently taken early retirement from the Insurance Industry and is now working primarily part-time in the voluntary sector, including this new role at All Saints.

Chris and the team will:

- Learn about the different issues facing All Saints Christians in the workplace
- Offer a listening ear to the concerns, hopes, dreams, fears, joys, achievements and ambitions

of our working people

- Seek to encourage Christian workers to be salt and light as they live out their discipleship in the world of work
- Champion workplace ministry at All Saints and keep the church alert to opportunities for support and care
- Act as a resource centre for information about the workplace and the part played in it by members of All Saints

Chris can be contacted via the Tiger Office. Chris is happy to meet up for a chat at any mutually convenient time and place including, where appropriate, your place of work.

Workplace Support Ministry

One of the good things about being part of a large church is that there is a huge fund of knowledge, experience and potential advice within the membership of All Saints. The challenge is that, being such a large church, it is rarely possible to know who is the right person with the relevant experience to share! Workplace issues you might like to chat and pray over include:

- Career planning
- Witnessing in the workplace
- Working in the Commercial Sector
- Working in the Public Sector
- Being self-employed
- Doing voluntary work

- Finding a new job
- Retirement
- Becoming a Non-Executive Director
- Starting your own business
- Mid-life career change
- Facing redundancy
- Conflict with colleagues
- Workplace ethical issues
- Workplace stress issues
- Work-life balance
- Managing people issues

But it doesn't need to be a crisis — sharing any matter, big or small, with a fellow Christian can help. The Workplace Support Team either have direct experience themselves or can put you in touch with an appropriate person for discussion and prayer.

Specialist Advice

There may well be times in your working life when you would appreciate specialist advice. The Workplace Support Team will still be able to help find appropriately qualified Christian and other advisers in areas such as:

- Employment Law
- Financial and debt advice
- Counselling
- Ethics