

## 'TIS A GIFT TO BE AN ADMINISTRATOR

4 October, 2015



Members of the All Saints' Chaplaincy Committee meet to ponder issues after church on 4 October, 2015.

Not everyone leads in prayer, or offers service to those in need, or plays hymns or sings them. Some people are educators, some evangelists, some teachers and some preachers... and some are gifted with the ministry of administration.

Today our Chaplaincy Council met. These volunteers are members of All Saints who have been elected as the Lay representatives of all the congregation. They, led by the Chaplain, Wardens and Treasurer make the day to day administrative and financial decisions on the running of the church.

The meeting's agenda was packed with issues. Dates and planning for the new chaplain's institution service, Remembrance Sunday, the carol service, the Christmas fair and the Christmas services; health, safety and security questions; our finances and the budget planning for next year; our proposed Advent teaching series; and the retention of one of Readers who has departed for long distance residential training, were all dealt with – swiftly, insightfully and prayerfully.

We give thanks to these people who, despite other ministry gifts as well... gifts such as music, prayer, preaching and hospitality... also have taken upon themselves this gift of thoughtful administration.