

One Sunday, our vicar came over to talk to us. My husband and I joked that she was coming to ask one of us to be churchwarden. She turned up and we told her that weâd just joked about that, and she said, âWell, thatâs what Iâm here to talk to you about.â

 Smiling woman in a church wearing a purple coat and white scarf

I said no straight away. I was afraid that it would stop me from doing the things that I had felt God calling me to do â being available in the community, sharing my faith with other people. I didnât really want to get bogged down with church logistical things.

I asked a couple of people to pray about it and over the next couple of weeks I had a sense of God saying that he wanted me to do it but the timing wasnât right. I felt that he was telling me to take some time to birth that gifting and ministry.

I went back to our vicar. The timing fitted: someone else was stepping into the role, but the other warden was stepping down the following year.

During that year I was able to shadow people and I felt a sense of God saying, âDonât look at whatâs gone before. You will be who Iâve made you to be in the role. Youâll bring your giftings and your ministry to the role, and other people will fulfil the things that theyâre supposed to fulfil.â

Being churchwarden has stretched and challenged me, which is a good thing. Iâve realised that the whole process of being a churchwarden is more about what Iâm learning about me and God, rather than how to be the perfect churchwarden. Itâs about what God is saying to me about who I am.

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