



ST JOSEPH'S HOUSE GROUP INITIATIVE FOR THE YEAR OF FAITH

What is a House Group?

It is a group of parishioners/friends who meet together in a member's home for the purpose of worship, Bible Study, conversation, or anything connected with their faith.

Why not just come to Mass?

Many people have been coming to Mass for years but do not know anyone. Those who do often only know a few. We are the family of God. We need to connect with each other.

House groups enable the provision of hospitality, the building of friendship groups, faith sharing and more.

Our project for the Year of Faith is to make known the house groups already in existence, to introduce more and hopefully these will grow and divide until we have a parish of cells catering for the needs of everyone

Below is the first list of House groups. Please study it and see if there is one which would suit you. If not please consider starting your own and Contact Claire 01202423431. Please also pray for the success of these groups.

Men's Group - Meets fortnightly on Monday evenings at various venues preceded by a meal. Tel Chris Burgess 01202 470435 or e-mail Bob Belcher bobbelcher.hotmail.co.uk for details.

Charismatic Prayer Group 10.30 a.m. every Thursday in Somerford. Tel Freda 01202 477342. This group started in February and say "The more the merrier"

Scripture Group 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month 7.30 p.m. - 9 in Mudeford. Tel Moira 01425 279467 This group used to meet at church but is now part of the House group initiative.

Ecumenical Prayer/Bible Group 2nd and 4th Monday of the month 7.30 p.m. at various venues. Tel Maria McClaverty Tel 01425 280378 This group started many years ago as a "Post alpha group" but numbers have obviously diminished so they would love some new participants.

Lumen Christi Youth Charismatic Prayer Group (11-18) Every Friday 8 -10 p.m. . in church on the altar steps. Tel Freda 01202 477342 or just turn up.

Rosary Group. Magdalen Lane Christchurch. 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. 11a.m Tel Eileen 01202 474024 or Gerardine 01425 672100. This is a new group starting 10th June.

You will be most welcome at any of these groups.

There will be a House Group "Gathering" Mass or Prayer & Praise Service in church, followed by a shared meal in the Parish Centre every 3 months for all members to share experiences & socialise.