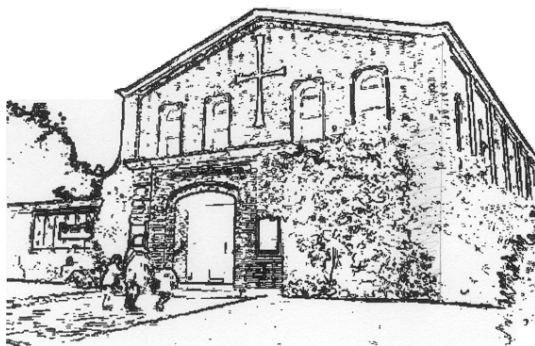




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CALENDAR FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2014

28th July – 1st August	10.00 a.m. – noon	Holiday Bible Club
17th – 31st August		Mission Direct trip to Kenya
23rd August	9.00 a.m. - noon	Work Day
3rd Sept.	10.30 – 11.30 a.m.	Wednesday Welcome's Autumn/Winter programme starts. All ladies welcome!
9th Sept.	7.30 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
14th Sept.	10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.	Bike 'n Hike – see separate announcement
21st Sept	3.30 – 6.00 p.m.	Messy Church
28th Sept.	10.30 a.m.	Back to Church Sunday

NO Messy Church in July and August,

Mission Direct Trip to Kenya: - Minister & Church Secretary both part of the Group.

Next Church Meeting: - Sunday 26th October at 11.45 a.m. – make a note in your diary.

Next Work Day: – Saturday 8th November – make a note in your diary!

SUNDAY SERVICES JUNE & JULY 2014

DATE	TIME	SPEAKER AND NOTES
3rd Aug.	10.30 a.m.	Jane Wade – Holiday Bible Club Service
10th Aug.	10.30 a.m.	Jane Wade - Communion
17th Aug.	10.30 a.m.	Kevin York – No Junior Church
24th Aug.	10.30 a.m.	Dan Hobbs – No Junior Church
31st Aug.	10.30 a.m.	Angela Such – No Junior Church
7th Sept.	10.30 a.m.	Jane Wade - Communion
14th Sept.	10.30 a.m.	Jane Wade
21st Sept.	10.30 a.m.	Jane Wade
	3.30 – 6.00 p.m.	Messy Church
28th Sept.	10.30 a.m.	Jane Wade – Back to Church Sunday

No p.m. services except where stated

The Minister's message

Dear Friends,

For my letter this time I would like to share with you parts of an article written by Paul Stokes (from GEAR) which I also used in my sermon on the 13th July 2014

“At the heart of the Christian faith is a personal relationship with Jesus – one that is nurtured through conversation with him in prayer and reading his word in the Bible.

It's easy to make people feel guilty about their devotional life. Many of us believe that we ought to be better, more disciplined, than we really are. I can look back on seasons where I would spend over 45 minutes a day relentlessly praying and other seasons where there were days, even weeks, where I simply never got round to reading the Bible or praying.

These words of Jesus come to mind time and again for me: “Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” (Luke 6:45). What comes out of me depends first on what is inside me. My ministry, relationships, worship, work, decisions, conversations ... all of these are profoundly impacted by the state of my 'inner life'. At the heart of it all is the question of my own personal relationship with Jesus.

How often do we find that a cascade of correspondence, pressures of preparation, the demands and opportunities of work, family, house and garden or the distractions of TV, Facebook and trivia fill our lives, pushing God to the back of the queue?

How desperately do we need to hear again Jesus' uncomfortable words to busy, distracted Martha: 'You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.' (Luke 10:41f)

“We wriggle and rationalise, trying to convince ourselves that the work must simply be tackled, that Martha was right. But Jesus does not leave us wriggle-room. He calls us to prioritise time spent in his presence. He asserts that fruitfulness comes only through abiding in him.”

Jane



ANGELS HAVE FOUR LEGS - A friend of mine gave me a copy of this article from one of her Catholic Church magazines which tells the story about... dogs of course.

'If we want to know how to follow the teachings of Jesus, we couldn't do much better than watching the behaviour of some of dogs.'

The first story is about a dog called Meldir named from the Lord of the Rings meaning 'friend' in Tolkien's Elvish language. He makes friends with everyone and greets them with a wag of the tail and a big grin and he is genuinely bursting with joy at seeing them. Some people dislike this unabashed affection, but most people adore it, their faces change from sullen to delight. Children are more honest in wanting his affection, running up to stroke him and enjoying it with giggles when he licks their hands and sometimes adults are just as keen. When he was at Glastonbury Abbey a man needed a 'Labrador fix' so he knelt down and rubbed his back and afterwards said 'Thank you I needed that,' and added 'They are holier than us aren't they?'

'As I have loved you, so you must love one another,' Jesus told his disciples (John 13:34) Most humans find this commandment difficult to uphold if we are tired, in a rush or dealing with someone irritating; most Labradors have a bottomless well of love for everybody.

Meldir has had a varied life meeting all sorts of people including some unpleasant criminals and has greeted them all with the same affection. People will sometimes say that he is only a dog and that he doesn't realise who these people are or what they have done. But wouldn't Jesus have showered them with affection too? After all, he told us to: 'Love your enemies' (Matt 5:44)

Even when he was bitten by other dogs he has obeyed Jesus' instructions: 'If anyone slaps you on the right cheek turn to them the other cheek also' (Matt 5:39) He has never once bitten back.

Like Christ, many dogs seek out and love people who are in despair. One example of this: a golden Labrador called Endal who lived from 1995 – 2009 and served the Canine Partners for Independence charity. He picked out his future minder, a man called Allen who was an Officer in the Royal Navy, and had suffered a head injury during the Gulf War.

Allen was in a wheelchair and had very limited speech, severe memory loss as well as feeling downtrodden, even to the point of trying to take his own life. Endal spotted him during a puppy training class and repeatedly fetched and deposited things on his lap without command, and he did this until Allen finally smiled (something he hadn't done for months) and their bond was sealed.

Endal gave Allen the unconditional love and patience he badly needed, he also gave him independence. Through sign language they both managed most tasks, including dressing. If Allen rubbed his chin, Endal would fetch his razor; if he patted his head he would fetch his hat. This amazing dog could load a washing machine; use a cashpoint; guide Allen across roads safely; use a lift and post letters! He even helped do the weekly shop, picking up tins of beans, packs of cereal through sign language.

At Crufts one year Endal saved Allen when a car reversed into his wheelchair. Allen fell out onto the tarmac and lost consciousness. CCTV showed what happened next. Using his teeth Endal pulled Allen into the recovery position (he had never been taught to do this) and pulled the blanket in the wheelchair over him.

He then fetched Allen's phone and placed it by his head, but Allen didn't respond so he went over to a pub and began barking until someone responded and an ambulance was called. In the A&E dept. the nurses tried to remove Endal away from Allen for hygiene reasons, but he refused and remained by his side. Over the next couple of days he cheered other patients, one being stopping a child crying by sticking his head under the curtain around the boy's bed. Allen said 'I think there's a major Biblical misconception that Guardian Angels come with two legs, in my case mine comes with four. He is a life saver, he found me a long time ago in a pit of despair and dragged me from that. He's taught me to live and laugh again, he's taken away the hurt, the sadness, the pain.'

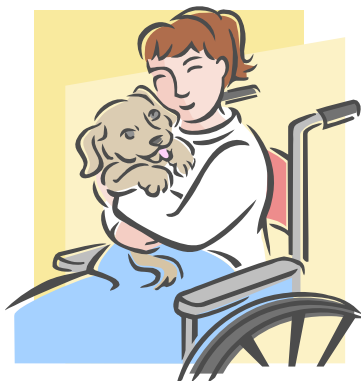
One story, from 1295 in France, was about Saint Roch who was born in Montpellier, France and his four-legged friend who had a mysterious cross mark on his chest. When his parents died, he gave all his wealth to the poor, only keeping the family dog and set off on a pilgrimage. Whilst travelling he encountered people suffering from the Plague.

Without command, the dog instinctively started licking the sores on their skin and Roch made the sign of the cross on their bodies. Within days these people began to recover. The pair went from city to city repeating this act of healing, until Roch himself was struck down. The dog licked at his sores and fetched him bread to feed him and eventually his master recovered.

What incredible examples these dogs are to us as Christians. They love unconditionally without fatigue or complaint, always putting us first. Jesus told us: 'The greatest among you will be your servant' (Matt 23:11) In this truth then, it's fair to say that these kindly dogs, who will do anything to protect and serve us, who love us all equally, are far greater than we are.

I believe that these stories show that most dogs show more spirituality than many humans I've met. They are full of boundless joy and always show affection to anyone it doesn't matter who they are or where they come from or what they have done. I believe that they are the ultimate Christian.

Julia Brown





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**DEADLINE
FOR
OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2014
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WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER**



Please Note that as Judy will be away for all of September, Ai Ling Chang has kindly agreed to look after the next edition of Focus, so all contributions for October/November should be sent to:

a.chang@ntlworld.com

The preferred format for Focus contributions is as an A5 e-mail attachment using Word.

DISCOVERY

Amy: “I’m proud of my Bible. I’m reading a few pages every night.”

7000 children 34 schools

Christian Resources for Primary Schools

Thank you for all your support and encouragement.

This half term has been busy taking assemblies about the life of Jesus; from His birth at Christmas, to his choosing 12 disciples, to His death and resurrection, His ascension and the coming of His Holy Spirit.

It has been interesting to see the stir that it has caused when I said, “Imagine Jesus in your class, or imagine Him in your football team!” The children have obviously understood how amazing Jesus is.

I have also had the privilege of giving 760 “*It’s your Move*” books in 23 schools to the year 6 children going on to secondary schools. I used the opportunity to pray with them the prayer of blessing from Numbers 6:24-26:

May the Lord bless you and take care of you.

May the Lord be kind and gracious to you.

May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace.

At the end of one transition lesson Lewis said, “I read my Bible every night.”

I met another boy while we were buying ice-creams(!) and he said, “I believe now.” I said, “That’s good, do you read your Bible?” he said, “Yes, it’s a little red one”. (*Well done Gideons!*)

I have said many times before this work is a real partnership of service to Jesus.

I have just added up how many Bibles we need for next term. It is 1170 Children's Bibles and 970 Good News Bibles. So far we have £3850 towards the cost. We'll need a further £6000.

As I look back over the last school year I attribute the success of this work to your prayers. Please continue to pray for the door to remain open.

Please pray for an Elisha to take up the mantle as the harvest is so plentiful.

Thanks and bless you all

Andrew Masters

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Discovery - Items for prayer 2014

The door to remain open in the schools.

For the door to open to Hammond School and Yew Tree School, also Potten End School. Pray that that I will be invited to these schools.

For the finance for the Bibles we currently have, and the need of about £6000.

For the health and safety of my family.

For the Lord's continuing provision. I am always so grateful for his goodness to us.

For the head teachers' and teachers' workload - which is beyond realistic.

Please pray for inspiration and anointing for the next assemblies.

Please pray for the school clubs that are running:

Pixies Hill Monday 12.15 *Discovery Club* - Andrew Masters

Lime Walk Monday 3.15 *JAM Club* - Sarah Moreton

Ayclffe Drive Monday 3.15 *Discovery Club* - Jenny Howells, Sarah Hutton, Daniella Hobbs.

Nash Mills Thursday 12.30 *Jigsaw* - Sue Jakeman

South Hill Friday 12.30 *Roxolid* - Anna Nicks

St Paul's Chipperfield and **Sarratt School** both have clubs run by their church intern.

Please pray for more volunteers as there are other opportunities for clubs in school.

Thank you so much for praying and for supporting Discovery, this work is a true partnership

Bless you all,

Andrew.

HOW TO GUIDE A BLIND OR PARTIALLY SIGHTED PERSON.

Ever found yourself wondering whether it's appropriate to offer help to a blind or partially sighted person, and how you should approach them?

Do you know how to behave around a guide dog, and what you need to do to let them get on with their job?

These are common concerns that many sighted people have when they come across blind or partially sighted people in their community. Sometimes a friend or someone in your family, who has sight loss, may want help getting around, even if they have a guide dog or use a cane.

There are a lot of blind or partially sighted people that are not able to have a guide dog either from health reasons (allergic to animal fur) or they live somewhere that is not practical for a guide dog. These people have to use a cane or rely on a sighted guide. If they did not have these people to help they would not get out of their home.

Guide Dogs have offered to come to St. George's ***Free of Charge*** to do a course on Sighted Guiding. Guide Dogs have put together this course so that you can learn how to give instructions, warn of obstacles or hazards and describe surroundings – including changes in ground surface – but don't overload the person you're guiding with too much information.

If you are interested in having a go there will be a form at the back of the church, so can you please sign. We will set a date later when we know how many people are interested.

COME AND HAVE A GO IT SHOULD BE NOT ONLY INFORMATIVE BUT ALSO FUN TOO.

Roy Brown

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James and Lucy

Request the pleasure of your
company at their

WEDDING

On Saturday 13th September 2014

At St. George's Church

At 3.00 p.m.

RED CROSS GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

THURSDAY JUNE 12TH 2014

I was honoured to be one of the 6,000 guests from the Red Cross who were invited to this garden party. It was a beautiful sunny day, and 34 of us had a coach to take us to London – the traffic was awful.

We joined the queue to have our security checked by the police (quite informal now – just show your passport and bus pass!) and went in through the downstairs state rooms, where beautiful china and glass were displayed in cabinets, and marble statues (no fig leaves!) towered over us. Then we went out into the grounds, immediately we were greeted by Red Cross staff dressed as WW1 nurses. They gave us each a silver badge “Red Cross Garden Party, Buckingham Palace 2014” and I was able to get 2, one for Frank Chennells in Canada.

There were drinks of iced water or lemon barley for us, and everyone walked around admiring the fashions (as my Mum would have said of some ladies “The style is killing them!”- I think their feet were killing them too, as many ladies took their shoes off!). There were lots of military personnel there, as well as people in their National Costumes.

Tea was served in the open marquees at 3.30 pm. Tiny sandwiches and wraps (Have you ever tried cucumber sandwiches with mint leaves in?). Minute cakes, strawberry and raspberry scones and cream, ice cream, tea, fruit drinks, iced coffee, fancy ice creams – DELICIOUS and one could return for several platefuls!

Then at 4.00 p.m., Prince Charles and Princess Alexandra arrived. Everything is so much more informal now; we made a guard of honour for Prince Charles and he took almost an hour to chat to us. He shook hands with me and said “You look like someone who finds plenty of things to do!” I thought “Oh dear, he knows what I get up to!”. Time passed so quickly, then a group of Zulu guests did an impromptu National dance, waving their spears around, and Charles stood and clapped.

You should have seen the loos, huge marquees, first class plumbing , wash basins, dressing tables for you to sit and apply your make up,

even full length mirrors – and free paper hankies!. They thought of everything!

After more cold drinks, sadly we returned to our coach which was parked in the Mall.

Because of the traffic, our driver diverted through Marble Arch, Bayswater, Shepherds Bush , Acton and the A40 and home through the Chalfonts and Rickmansworth. It was good to revisit London memories. The end to a perfect day! Thank you, Your Majesty.

Denise Chennells



Relaying Of The Church Hall Floor

When St. George's 'new' church hall was built in 2010 it re-used the floor slab and steel frame from the 1971 hall that it replaced. When the new hall was constructed, the old floor slab was coated with a special paint intended to act as a damp proof membrane and this was then screeded, before laying a vinyl floor.

Unfortunately the vinyl flooring has lifted in places and investigations have revealed extensive deterioration of the screed and a high level of moisture in the slab, which suggests that the special paint did not do its job.

We have sought professional advice and the conclusion is that the only way to avoid future interference from rising moisture is to strip off all the special paint and lay a replacement floor on a new damp proof membrane and smoothing screed.

The best price we have been quoted for this work is just over £10,000 and, in order to reduce the financial impact on the church, we will be applying to Thames North Synod for a grant towards this. Unfortunately their next meeting is not until 16th September, so we will have to delay the work until after that, as they will not entertain a retrospective bid.

We will therefore do a temporary repair on the most badly damaged section, so it will be ok for forthcoming bookings and we will aim to carry out the full floor replacement during the Autumn half-term holiday, which is w/c 27th October.

If you have any questions or concerns about this work, please speak to **Jonathan Lee**.

DISCOVERY

Amy: "I'm proud of my Bible. I'm reading a few pages every night."

7000 children **34** schools

17th June 2014

Dear Jane

Please pass on my thanks to St George's for their support for the Bibles of £1000. We have been distributing Bibles in the schools in Hemel Hempstead for 8 years and it never ceases to amaze me how much the children enjoy their Bibles. Only last week I had a girl come up to me as I was leaving her school and say "I have been reading my Bible and I am on page 228". Another child said to me, when I asked what was their favourite story in the Bible, they said: "The man on the Cross".

So thank you for your support and I thank you on behalf of the children of Hemel Hempstead for without you how will they hear the good news of Jesus.

Bless you

Andrew

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WAITING FOR THE POSTMAN – AUGUST 1917

Lottie was buttoning Jimmie into his new summer outfit. “Stand still, there’s a good boy. These buttons were a bit too big – I’ll see if I can find smaller when we go out.”

Peggy, already dressed for the street, surveyed him critically. “That’s made from one of Daddy’s theatre costumes, isn’t it? Won’t he need it when he comes back from the Front?”

“We’ll cross that bridge when we come to it” said Lottie briskly. “Go and find your mother and see if she wants to come out with us – oh, there you are, Ivy Agnes, I didn’t see you over there by the window.”

“Daddy hasn’t replied to my letter yet, so Mummie’s waiting for the postman, aren’t you, Mummie?” said Peggy. “Not really,” said Ivy Agnes. “I was thinking....”

“Well, thinking won’t get Jimmie a birthday c-a-k-e.” Lottie spelled out the secret word as she hustled the children towards the front door. “Nor pay the gas bill for that matter. We’ll pay the baker something on account and then maybe he’ll let us have a little more credit. And the Gas bill will have to wait until the Final Demand arrives. Put your gloves on, Peggy, young ladies always wear their gloves when they go out. Take Jimmie’s hand and go carefully down to the High Street. Watch out for those wretched motors, child!”

Turning to Ivy Agnes, she said “Hat and coat on, my girl. Standing here worrying won’t solve anything, or bring Robbie back in one piece. I’ll get the children to light candles for him in church. Now, hurry, or they’ll be under a tram.”

“Mother, I wish you wouldn’t” said Ivy Agnes as the two women left the house.

“Wouldn’t what?” said Lottie. “Oh, good girl, Peggy’s holding on to Jimmie and waiting at the corner.”

“Think all problems can be solved by lighting candles,” said Ivy Agnes. “What we need, apart from the war stopping, is for me to have got that job in Rubenstein’s summer show, which I didn’t.”

“Well, dear,” said Lottie. “I’m sure it’s all for the best. You won’t have to show your legs to the world, and you’ll be here for Jimmie’s birthday. Why you had to go on the stage and marry a musician I’ll never know.””

“Mother, you know very well that it was my voice – and I suppose my legs - and Robbie’s musical skills that paid the bills and a bit over until Robbie joined up. Let’s catch the children up and talk about something else. Peggy understands far too much for my liking.”

But it was impossible to keep the war from the children. Even Jimmie, at three, knew that the King had sent Daddy to fight for him in France. Peggy, at five, and just starting school, understood far more. She understood the black arm-bands some of her little friends wore, and the red eyes and pale faces of some of her mother’s friends. If Nana thought lighting candles and praying would help, pray she would.

“Now, Peggy,” said Lottie. “I want you to take this money to Mr. Jones in the baker’s, and say it’s for our bill. And then ask him if he’s got a little cake for Jimmie’s birthday. Be polite, now. Off you go.”

“*Really*, mother!” exclaimed Ivy Agnes, “and you worry about me showing my legs.”

“She’ll get more out of him than we will” replied Lottie.

Soon Peggy came back, carefully carrying a small cake box, and looking thoughtful. “He says we can have one, because of Daddy and Bert. Bert’s his son. Mummie, Nana: I think Mr. Jones has been crying - his eyes look sort of funny, like Aunt Willa, and he’s got one of those black arm-band things. But big men don’t cry, do they?”

“Well, child” said Lottie. “That’s not for you to worry about. We’ll say our prayers for Daddy, and leave everything with Jesus.”

“I’m going to pray now,” said Peggy. Suiting the action to the words, she knelt on the pavement, folded her hands and, closing her eyes, said in a very loud voice “Dear Lord Jesus, you know where my Daddy is. We don’t. Keep him safe and bring him back and make him answer my letter. Amen.”

“Stand up at once, Peggy!” hissed Ivy Agnes. “Really, mother, what are you teaching them? Everyone’s staring at us as though we were some kind of freak show!”

“Don’t stop her!” cried Lottie. “A child’s prayer will be heard, I know it will.”

“Have we any more shopping to do?” asked Ivy Agnes impatiently. “If not, let’s go home.” She seized a puzzled Jimmie, and set off at a fast pace.

“Nana,” said Peggy. “Why’s Mummie cross?” “Nothing for you to worry about,” said Lottie. “You did quite right, child. We’ll run and catch them up.”

Puffing heavily, for her corsets and shoes were not ideally suited to running, Lottie, holding Peggy’s hand, rounded the corner into their street.

“There’s someone at our door!” cried Peggy. “Two someones.”

“Oh my Lord,” said Lottie. “A telegraph boy. And the postman. Run on and take Jimmie indoors, Peggy, while Mummie and I sort this out. Oh, dear Lord!”

By the time Lottie reached their door, Peggy and Jimmy had disappeared and Ivy Agnes was reading a telegram while the boy waited.

“Letter you bin waitin’ for” said the postman impatiently. “Here – take it.” He thrust the letter at Lottie, who took it without looking at him.

“Ivy Agnes – what – it’s not - not - Robbie?” Her voice shook.

“No, mother” said Ivy Agnes. “You may not be pleased, but we can pay all the bills now. It’s from the Theatre Royal in Brighton. Ruby Smith’s ill and they want me to take her place. Reply paid telegram from Rubenstein.”

“Oh, I think I’m going to faint,” quavered Lottie. “For one moment there... I’m going inside.” Still clutching the unopened letter she tottered into the house and collapsed in an armchair in the front room, watched by a pale and anxious Peggy, still clutching Jimmie’s hand.

“Nana” said Peggy. “What’s that boy given Mummie. Is it all right?”

Lottie pulled herself together. “Perfectly all right, dear, except Mummie won’t be here for Jimmie’s birthday. She’ll be at the theatre in Brighton instead.”

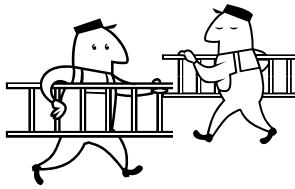
Peggy’s worried look vanished. Mummie and Daddy had often been away, working, when birthdays happened. “What’s that other letter, Nana?” she asked.

Lottie looked down at her hand. “Goodness gracious me. I’d forgotten about this. And, oh, it’s addressed to you and Jimmie....and – yes, it’s from Daddy, from the Front. Here, let me help you open it.”

Judy Watson

Note: I was always told that my Aunt Peggy prayed for my grandfather’s safety in about 1917, out loud, in public, to my grandmother’s horror and my great-grandmother’s approbation. Grandpa (Robbie) came back without a scratch. I’ve used everyone’s real names, and my grandparents were both performers – “In the Profession” they would have said – but everything else is just my imagination.

I have a letter from Peggy to Robbie, asking when he was coming back, and several from Robbie to his children, one of which was to Jimmie (my Dad) on his birthday, all written in about 1917.



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Focus on the Home Groups - 2014

◆ What is a home group?

Quite simply, a group of people drawn from the St George's Family who meet together regularly in a home (or even at Church!). We have 6 groups currently, with a total membership of over 60.

◆ What is it for?

To enable the members of the small group to get to know and care for one another, and help each other grow in the Christian life. The groups are really appreciated by long-standing and new members alike.

◆ What happens at a home group?

Each group develops its own particular style of sharing and learning together, drawing on the ingredients of worship, prayer, Bible focussed study/discussion, and maybe a "cuppa". Leading is shared among those members of the group who feel happy to do so, and the subject may be of their own choosing or part of a prearranged series. Meetings typically last 1½ to 2 hours.

When and where do the groups meet?

<u>Leaders</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Amanda & Dan Hobbs	For the time being, day, venue, leader & time can vary. Telephoning advised 07725525176	
Kevin & Linda York	Mon 8.00 p.m. Weekly	6 Stronsay Close, Northend, Hemel
Tracy Malan HH 389022	1 st /3 rd Tues 7.45 pm	"Lauries" London Rd Bourne End (Peter and Jo Taylor)
Richard Waymark HH 262646	Wed 8.00 pm 1 st /3 rd in month	4 Sidford Close (Richard Waymark)
Gill Griffin HH 243267	Thursday 1.30 – 2.45 pm Weekly in term time	The Bell Lounge

Can I join?

Yes! If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please speak to Jane Wade or one of the Home Group leaders.

WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Mondays	<u>Home Group</u> : - 8.00 p.m. Leaders: Linda & Kevin York <u>Home Group</u> –Leaders Amanda and Dan Hobbs NB For the time being, day, venue, leader & time can vary. Telephoning advised – 07725525176
Tuesdays	<u>Home Group</u> – 1 st /3 rd week of each month at 7.45 p.m. at Peter & Jo Taylor’s home. Leader: Tracy Malan.
Wednesdays	<u>Wednesday Welcome</u> – 10.30 a.m. in Church Hall in term time. Coffee/Tea served at 10.15 a.m. <u>Prayer Fellowship</u> : - 2 nd /4 th Wednesday of each month from 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. in the Bell Lounge <u>Home Group</u> – 1 st /3 rd week of each month at 8.00 p.m. Leader: Richard Waymark
Thursdays	<u>Toddlers’ Group</u> - 10.00 – 11.45 a.m. <u>Pilots</u> : Deckhands – 5.30 – 6.30 p.m. Adventurers – 5.45 – 7.00 p.m. Voyagers – 7.00 – 8.15 p.m. Cell Groups. (Navigators) 8.30 – 9.30 p.m. <u>Grandparent & Toddlers’ Group</u> – Weekly in term time, 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. <u>Home Group</u> – Weekly in term time; 1.30-2.45 p.m. Leader: Gill Griffin
Fridays	<u>Youth Chill Zone</u> 4 – 6.00 p.m.
Saturdays	<u>Table Tennis</u> - 9-11.00 a.m. – Church hall, Leader Dennis Chang and Gill Griffin

Music Group Practice – TBC weekly by Worship Leader

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