

Notes from a meeting held on Monday 10th May 2010

Present: Beryl, Denzil, Leah, James, Lara, Stephen

Apologies: Pearl

1. Godly Play (Party for the Recently Baptised)

We have been successful in our application for a Mission Grant and can now order £500 worth of toys, equipment and costs towards the service (including publicity). The next service is on Sunday 11th July at 3pm. When we have held a year's worth of services we will aim to move to a bimonthly service.

2. Baptism Programme/ Wedding Programme

Stephen will order anniversary cards for baptism and weddings similar to the postcards we already use for the sick and those we are praying for. Lara and Stephen will start the process and then we want to involve others in writing and posting the cards.

3. After Church...

Part of the plan to get more people to stay for coffee has worked! We open the doors more often and one of the clergy stands in the hall rather than at the door. We need to ask Junior Church leaders to move the table from one end of the hall to the other at the end of their session and also ask for the row of chairs to be moved. Repeat the invitation about staying for coffee in the notices once a month or so.

4. Prayer/Awareness Walk

The two awareness prayer walks are scheduled for the Sunday 1st August and Tuesday 24th August. We decided to plan the walk with a text of scripture, a meditation, pause and prayer at various 'stations' on the prayer route. We discussed four different routes which we will develop one by one. They can also be available for others to use at different times. To encourage people to try prayer walking for themselves and for the first time, one route will be around their own homes – a form of house blessing.

- Route 1: Bethshan (Street Pastors), Crowcroft Park (leisure/nature), Crowcroft School (children/education), Northmoor Methodist (other churches), East Road (residents, homes etc)
- Route 2: Slade Lane Railway Bridge (transport/travellers), West Point Park (leisure/nature), Health Centre & Dental Practice (sickness and health), Kingsway Pub (for tea/pint to finish!)
- Route 3: The Schools and Mosques of Hamilton Road and Beresford Road and Longsight Market
- Route 4: around our own home with thanksgiving

5. Pastoral Care

As part of our review of pastoral care we started to look at the section on Belonging in Bob Jackson's book, 'Everybody Welcome' (CHP 2009). The four areas of belonging mentioned are: personal friendships, community life, Christian nurture and pastoral care. We started looking at the Pastoral Care section with a view to further discussions next time on this and the four case studies given in the text.

6. USPG Prayer

It was agreed that at the start of our future meetings we will begin with a few minutes of prayer based on the USPG prayer diary and its focus for that day.

Next Meetings: Thursday 15th July 2010 at 11am
Monday 13th September at 11am
Monday 8th November at 11am