



# Pastoral Care & Nurture

Notes from a meeting held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007

## **Present:**

Beryl, Pearl, Denzil, Leah, Stephen

### **1. Prayer Tree**

now been used at least 5 times and proving a useful resource.

### **2. Prayer Time**

still small numbers coming - but after discussion about changing time/day it was agreed to keep it at 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 1pm for the time being.

### **3. Nurture: Baptism**

Still no 'link' people - need to work on this.

### **4. Leaflets**

At Christmas 600 leaflets had been delivered and some people came to services as a result. Both this group and Worship Committee keen to leaflet again for Easter: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am leafleting at West Point again (straight after the 10am Mass for the Annunciation).

### **5. Party for those who live alone**

Stephen still sort out a convenient date with Evergreens.

### **6. Nurture: Study groups**

The new Lenten plan for meditations/study was shared with the group and it was decided that alongside the meditation at the Eucharist (for details see Worship Committee notes - January 2007) that we should also have a guided question/answer/discussion session during the tea and coffee time.

The Bible Study before this meeting had been well received so the plan is to repeat it - monthly - starting after Lent: third Monday of the month at 10.30am. Dates therefore: 16<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### **9. Nurture: Funerals & Bereavement**

To start the discussion on this topic the following points were raised for further thought next time:

- different contact with church over funerals (i.e. some are parishioners others are just those who use the services of the church but are not regular worshippers)
- different levels of support needed by different people
- there is already a group of people visiting bereaved congregation members informally
- need training on how to meet and deal with strangers
- should offer help to those who want/request it
- loneliness support
- people may look to church for help
- cards to let people know they are to alone and they are being prayed for
- easier for those who belong to church
- difficult to meet people and/or go out when newly bereaved
- group meetings may provide comfort or support
- ask people if they would like a visit
- safety / confidentiality issues for parishioners and visitors

Ask other bereavement supporters to help us in this: possibly St Cross Clayton?

### **10. Helping people back**

It was noted that sometime people fall way from church for various reasons and it is not always easy to keep track of who has gone where and why. Need to be aware that it is difficult for some people to return when they feel they have been hurt etc. Possibly talk about this another time...

Next meeting: **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007** 10.30am (following 10.00 Mass for St Joseph's Day)