



Pastoral Care & Nurture

Notes from a meeting held on Monday 19th March 2007

Present:

Beryl, Pearl, Denzil, Stephen

1. Prayer Tree

still well used.

2. Prayer Time

the '30 minutes' theme is good - still need to encourage more. Possibly advertise it outside church with sign on pavement when church open?

3. Nurture: Baptism

still no volunteers - need young people to act as 'links'.

4. Leaflets

Meet next Monday 26th March 10.30am to leaflet same area as Christmas.

5. Nurture: Study groups

The new style for the Lent groups is going well - people appreciating the more informal and less wordy approach.

The Bible Studies have been planned and posters/information will be circulated after Easter. We should ask people at the first one for suggested passages to explore.

9. Nurture: Funerals & Bereavement

Following on from the discussion at the last meeting it was clear that bereavement care falls in to two sections: the meeting with individuals in their own home before and after the funeral and also a support type group held in church, hall or rectory to which people could be invited.

This group needs/should provide:

- trained facilitators/leaders
- tea, coffee, informal atmosphere
- have input/talk on a topic such as loneliness, forgiveness, anxiety etc
- have opportunity for prayer
- safe place for questioning and discussion
- place of reassurance and comfort
- place where listening is important
- not too 'churchy' or pushy

Ask Fr Matt from St Cross Clayton to talk with us about his group.

Next meetings: **Monday 14th March 2007 10.30am** and **Monday 2nd July 2007**