



# Pastoral Care & Nurture

Notes from a meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007

## **Present:**

Beryl, Leah, Lara, Denzil, Stephen

### **1. General Update on the last meeting**

Prayer Tree to be used this week, Prayer Time better attended but both still need more advertising. Bible Study last month had been a big improvement on the previous one. Well attended and enjoyed. The Welcome pack for parishioners is being worked on and will come back to this group later in the year for review.

### **2. Welcoming**

We used to have a sidesperson or warden at the door to welcome people. These may not be the best people to ask to do this role but it was considered a good thing to have someone at the door to meet and greet people. Invite PCC to comment on this.

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

This group will look at issues of death and bereavement (as decided at the last meeting). The topics will include:

*Christian reaction to death, Death as loss, Recovery from bereavement, Ceremonies and rituals around death, Untimely deaths and tragedies, Talking about death.*

Before the discussion on the first of these topics, we had a conversation about funeral services. Sometimes the service in church may be more useful after the committal at the graveside or crematorium as there was less stress or time constraint. This should be suggested to people in the congregation and possibly mentioned to the funeral directors (as they have some 'control' over timings etc).

Next meetings: **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – both at 10.30am