



Worship Committee

St Agnes Longsight

Christian Enquirer's Course

The Diocesan project for Hope08

Why a course?

- evangelism – to bring people into church
- nurture – to encourage and support people where they are in their faith (may or may not bring people into church)
- would fit in with our back to church/alternative worship projects of aiming at those on the fringes of our church

The Courses

- Three courses were discussed: Alpha, Emmaus, Start

The Start Course

- easy to follow
- relaxed and fun – people can ask questions
- can be flexible in its sessions/weeks
- useful and accessible to those on the fringe of church
- follows 'your' individual journey of faith of life
- conversational rather than textual

The Sessions

- maximum of one hour session
- usual hospitality (tea, coffee etc)
- small groups anything from 3 upwards, 8-10 ideal
- groups to contain 1 or 2 congregation members as 'facilitators'
- in church or hall or home
- crèche facilities if necessary
- 'suss out your market'

Invitations

- personal invitations best
- hand delivered with explanations and leaflets
- bring a friend option
- relatives of people connected to church
- wedding couples
- baptism parents/Godparents
- people who have fallen away from church