

## **Report to the PCC by the Christian Development Team**

**March 2019**

**Members:** Lulu Button, Karen Richards, Irene Scholes, Pat Shore

**Team Leader:** Sheila Samuels

**Frequency of meetings** – 3-4 times a year

**Aim** – To ensure the provision of a range of Christian Development opportunities suitable for people at all stages of their Christian journey.

### **Update**

We have met several times since our September report to pray and seek where we are as a church and what study/course may help us at that stage to deepen our understanding of God and of our faith.

- **The Start Course**

There were 4 participants (3 from St Peters Church and 1 from St. Marks, Whitely Village) who all went on to be confirmed and with one of this group also being baptised. There was one accompanier, Georgia, from St Marks in the group too. The group members would like to continue to meet up as a group to study and learn more about the Christian life but in the meantime have joined other Lent groups.

- **Advent course**

We used the 3 weeks in Advent to offer the New Testament Bible Course in the church, one evening a week. The course was well received by those who were able to attend. The take up was small and was different each week.

Des and Anne-Marie offered an advent course based upon Handels Messiah. At the end of the course the group had the opportunity to attend a concert.

- **Lent course**

After much prayer and consideration we decided that 'Daring to see God now' was the best Lent course for where we are now as a Church. So far the feedback is that the course has opened the way for lively discussion.

In order to widen the take up of Lenten observance, CDT have offered '40 Acts' for families and adults to do something for Lent.

Lulu distributed the '40 Acts' sheet to Mini-Gems and Gems as an offering to families to engage in doing something through Lent.

Unfortunately we were unable to offer anything to those who weren't able to make a small group so they could observe Lent as individuals.

We have 5 groups running with 34 people signing up.

Des and Anne-Marie have also been able to offer a Lent study through Rolling Prayer. Again this has been very well received.

### **Other news**

Irene Scholes continues to run the only small/home group in the church and Des and Anne-Marie continue to distribute BRF notes to those who wish to have them.

### **Reflection**

CDT are well aware of the priority in the MAP for setting up small groups. To date we have been unable to do this and feel that with a new vicar in post the church can explore how best to begin small/home groups.