



St Michael's Home Groups

St Michaels has many members and one way of getting to know people, and encouraging a sense of belonging has been through the growing number of Home-groups. Many people have grown in faith as well as developing deeper friendships through the companionship, fun and bible study encountered in the different groups. They are a place of support for many and each group is unique.

Our hope and prayer is that as many people who would like to be part of a group have the opportunity to do so.

This booklet includes information about each group and you are invited to contact the leaders if you would like more information and to find out about joining one of the groups.

Sunday Group

Leaders: **Facilitated by Richard Hornsby**
Meet: **Sunday 7.10pm weekly**
Where: **93, Holly Lane, Erdington, B24 9JP**

Current numbers 7

- This group grew out of a 3D course and includes members from St Michael's and St John's, Walmley.
- We look at a Bible passage and talk about it and relate it to our own lives.
- We trust each other implicitly and can speak freely knowing it will be treated in confidence and with love.
- We laugh quite a lot.
- Some weeks we give the whole time over to prayer but we always have a prayer time finishing with the Grace at around 9.00pm.
- People usually give lifts to those requiring it.

Monday Group

Leader: Pete Swaine
Meet: Monday 8.00pm - fortnightly
Where: 47, Enstone Rd Erdington B23 5SD

Current numbers: 8

- The group has been meeting for three years growing out of an 'Exploring Faith' group.
- People from all the church services attend.
- Our topics for discussion are varied including aspects of Jesus's life, miracles, Easter & Christmas, other characters from the Bible, Old & New Testament. We decide as group what to discuss and we also follow the church sermon series.
- The meetings are very informal and although we usually have a framework we often go off on other relevant tangents! Very interesting, relaxed and enjoyable. Each of us brings something of ourselves and our individual faith to the discussions.
- We don't usually meet during the school summer holiday.

Tuesday Group (Pilgrim Group)

Leaders: Liz Carr and Angela Grudzinski
Meet: Tuesday 10.30am till 12.00noon weekly
Arriving 10.15 for refreshments
Where: The South Aisle in St Michael's Church

Current Numbers: 9

- This group began in September 2014 after a couple of older members of the church said they'd like to feel more confident about their faith and would be interested in coming along to some kind of group.
- The intention is to attract people who've been going to church since they were children, together with some who have persistent questions from a new church-goers point of view.
- The group has followed two of the books in the Church of England series known as The Pilgrim Course and plan to continue with another. We began with the introductory book, "Turning to Christ", followed by "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Ten Commandments".
- It's definitely a group with an older age-profile. The purpose of the group remains to explore some basic ideas and to discuss some basic issues. There is a "together" feel about the group.

Tuesday Group

Leaders: Steve and Nicola Clarkson
Meet: Tuesdays 7.30pm weekly
Where: 11 College Farm Drive, B23 5YE
(behind St Mary's New Oscott)

Current Numbers: 5

- We are a group that has grown in faith and friendship as we have met to encourage each other whilst enjoying meals, cake and various teas and coffees (other refreshments are available).
- We have been studying various books of the bible and following the church sermon series material when it has been available.

Wednesday Group

Leaders : Gary and Edwina Connell

Meet: Wednesday 8.00pm weekly - term time only

Where: 58 Morven Road, Boldmere, B73 6ND

Current numbers: 11

- Meet at 8.00pm for refreshments and catch-up with each other.
- The group opens and closes with prayer.
- Study is varied, for example a bible passage, specific home group material, DVDs, films, advent/ lent courses.
- Leadership of the session can be taken by different members if appropriate
- People are encouraged to participate with reading and prayer as much as they feel comfortable.
- The group is a warm friendly bunch who are all on different points in their journey with Christ. This is what gives us the energy to keep meeting together, enjoying, laughing, supporting and learning from each other and growing in our faith.

Wednesday Group

Leaders: Rob Adams, Gail Adams and Fran Lumley
Meet: Wednesday 8pm Weekly, term time only
Where: 239a Boldmere Rd Boldmere B73 5LJ

Current numbers 14

- People are encouraged to share in the leadership of sessions.
- The group uses a variety of material. If St Michael's provides a Lent course then this is always used. Previously we have taken a Gospel and worked through it bit by bit, week by week. Films such as Chocolat and The Shawshank Redemption are considered from a faith perspective.
- The group consists of people who attend all three services and our views on liturgy and theology differ. The discussion is lively and everyone's view is welcome. If people just want to listen then that is fine too. Prayer begins and ends each session, making time to pray for individuals.
- It is important to us that people are able to belong when they have a busy life. Some people turn up most weeks, others may go some weeks or even months before they are able to make it. We like to spend some time together outside of discussion and usually have Christmas and Summer get togethers, and a regular Passover meal.
- The Home Group gives us an opportunity to know each other more deeply and to explore areas of faith by listening to others in a safe environment.

Friday Group

Leaders: Cathy Spruce and Christine Lloyd
Meet: Friday 8.00pm fortnightly
Where: 120 Station Rd Boldmere B73 5LD

Current Numbers: 9

- The group has great discussions and especially enjoys audio/ visual studies with CDs or DVDs including many of the York courses.
- We are a very sociable group and because we meet on Friday night we also have wine and beer as well as tea and coffee. The group arranges several social events over the year including hikes and meals.

For more information on Home Groups please look on the church website

www.stmichaels.org.uk

or

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