

Church Council Update

The following update reports on the discussion at the March Church Council. If you have any questions or comments on the above, please let me know or speak to any member of the Church Council. Thanks, Glenn.

Youth work – We have started to get a response to the advert placed in YouthWorker magazine. We are hoping to hold interviews on Saturday 4th April, which will be run along similar lines to last year. This includes an opportunity to meet with members of the Church (including Immerse) and Joint Council representatives as well as having a formal interview. If you would be available to participate in the process, please let me know a.s.a.p. Immerse is continuing to meet in members' houses and to look at the Journeys DVDs. This pattern will continue for the time being and further material is being sought. Sunday Club requires a further leader as Ken is stepping down. However, we also need to review this activity as the numbers in the group vary greatly and this can mean that leaders sometimes prepare material that is not required. Where possible, it would be very helpful if parents of Sunday Club children could let the leader or Marion know in advance, if they know that their child will not be present on a particular Sunday. Marion can be contacted at sundayclub@peachcroftcc.org.

Homegroups – We had a good response to the letter sent out in January. Most people are happy to stay with their current days but a small amount of movement will happen to enable us to start a second group on Wednesday evenings. We plan to begin this immediately after Easter. It is good to see such a large percentage of the church participating in home groups, as this is an essential part of our ministry and support to each other. We would like to start a daytime group and a young people's group but currently there are not enough people who are available on a given day to make this viable (yet). It is not too late to let us know if you are interested in joining a group.

Life/Work Balance – The business and level of stress that some people are under continues to be a concern. It is something that we must be aware of and be careful not to make people feel guilty if they need to take a break and stop particular activities. We are grateful for the tremendous commitment that many make to the different ministries that we support and it is great to see that so many people have a passion for these and want to drive them forward.

Minister's Report – Publicity for Easter services is being prepared and it is hoped to put out another Community Newsheet. If you have any ideas for this or would like to provide some content or help in the preparation, please see Beryl or Peter. We do not feel that we are able to take on the organisation of the Dragon Boats service by ourselves this year but are hoping that this can be done with some churches coming together or as a CiA event. After Easter we will start on a sermon series of 'New' (New Life, New Birth, New Creation... etc) things. We are intending to resurrect our application for membership of the Evangelical Alliance. This was deferred from last year until Peter was in place and able to provide input and he is very supportive of this. We are also expecting to have a review with Churches Together in Oxfordshire in the autumn.

Church Weekend – Following the positive feedback regarding last year's visit to the Frontier Centre near Northampton, we decided that this would be a good venue again for this year's Church weekend. This will be on the weekend of 13th -15th November. Please put this in your diary and make it a priority. Further details will be available shortly.

Alcohol Policy – We reviewed the alcohol policy and agreed that the changes introduced when returning to the building were working OK and would be continued: Wine only to be allowed at church related events but only with prior CC permission (no beer or spirits) and alcohol will not be allowed for any external bookings (we are not competing with NEACA).

Community Events – Martin Tillin, has organised some excellent outreach events but is unable to continue with this due to other commitments. Many thanks go to Martin for all of his hard work. If anyone feels able to take this on please speak to myself, Peter or any member of the CC.