



at St John Meads, January 2022

Life Groups are at the heart of our life together at St Johns. They are where we can effectively care for one another, make friends, exercise our gifts and grow in faith. They are a key part of helping us to be disciples and make disciples, get to grips with the Bible and develop our prayer life. Our aim is that they will be groups that are life giving, fun and a place of belonging and acceptance.

George Fisher, Janet Jackson and Joan Fisher oversee the groups.

Overpage is a summary of the groups we have. If you wish to join or change a Life Group, please contact one of us or return the form below to the office:

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LIFE GROUP RESPONSE FORM

Name _____

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- I am interested in joining a Life Group.
- I am in a Life Group and would like to change to another group.
- I want to know more about Prayer Triplets. (See back page for more info)

Please return this to the church office or contact one of the above coordinators.

Fairfield Road Group

We meet fortnightly at the home of the leaders, David and Sally Scott-Ralphs, in their home in the Meads on a Wednesday evening, 7.30-9.30pm.

We enjoy refreshments together before the evening starts with prayer and then study a teaching series or a book from the Bible. The topic for each term is discussed as a group and all contributions are welcomed. We end the evening by praying together about any issues that arise. We have a WhatsApp group for contact with each other during the week should any urgent prayer needs arise and we enjoy regular socials together.

J-walkers

We meet every fortnight on Tuesday evenings - a mixture of Zoom and in-person meetings, led by Gilli. We are primarily (but not exclusively) a Bible Study group looking at the Bible as an important way to get to know Jesus better and to understand what following Him - Christian discipleship - looks like. We split our meetings together into essentially four parts: General social catch up; "Notice Board": (making sure that anything going on at St John's is communicated); Bible Study (main part of our meeting); and Prayer. We have fun, celebrate birthdays and get together from time to time for purely social purposes.

Holywell group

We meet on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at the home of the leaders Jorj and Margaret Kowszun. Ours is a thriving discussion group with scriptural content. We don't do Bible study as such, rather a better description is that we go through a cycle of theological reflection sometimes based on recent sermons, sometimes on issues people have raised or on things in the news. We love our 'socials' and our group motto is "Come if you can but only if you want to". We never put pressure on people to attend.

Online Zoomers is facilitated by George Fisher and John Caroe and meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 on Zoom. We chat together about the past week before looking at a short course or book from the Bible and end with a time of prayer. We have only ever existed as a group on Zoom and we enjoy occasional socials in person. We intend to remain online on Zoom so anyone wanting to join us is welcome, whether that is for a brief period or more long term.

Rustington Court Group

We meet from 2.30pm to 4pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. We meet in Ian Ford's home at 14 Fairfield Road (which has one step into the house and plenty of roadside parking).

The ethos of the group is biblically based with plenty of time to share views in an often lively debate amongst friends with sometimes varying opinions. The afternoon consists of sharing, praying, Bible study, discussion, tea and chat. We are a close group which has maintained contact during the lockdowns and has enjoyed some social occasions together e.g. picnics in the garden and visits to cafes for coffee or lunch – with more planned!

Springfield Group meets on Cranborne Avenue every other Wednesday evening during school terms. The group facilitators are Sarah Hassell, Richard Wells and Malcolm Preece. We gather at around 7.30 for coffee/tea, aiming to provide a relaxed atmosphere in which people can explore the Bible and develop a closer relationship with God. The study usually lasts for about an hour with time for prayer afterwards, ending around 9.15pm. We hope that, as we meet, study and pray together those who join us will feel friendship and love. We aim to have a social event from time to time during the year.

St Gabriel's House Life Group

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon at 2.15pm in St. Gabriel's House, Darley Road, which is the home of the leaders Kate and Clive Dilloway. Our main purpose is to study and discuss the Bible together. We also pray together before finishing with tea and cake.

Windermere Group

We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 in Windermere Road, just off Seaside. We are a new group which has formed out of a recent Alpha course.

New Groups

We are always looking to start new groups. This often happens through an **Alpha Course** staying together when the ten-week course is over and becoming a long-term Life Group. If you would like to join an Alpha course either to explore faith or as a refresher in faith, then do sign up on the church website.

At the moment, we are exploring starting a new group for **under 50's** with Ben and Laura West so if you are interested in this please let us know.

Prayer Triplets

In addition, St. John's runs Prayer Triplets – three people meeting regularly to share and pray together. Prayer Triplets are a great way of encouraging each other, going deeper together in our faith and seeing answers to prayer. Strict confidentiality is maintained. If you are interested in forming a Prayer Triplet, contact Sarah Hassell: sarah.c.hassell@gmail.com 07904 302887.