

Norton Parish Housegroups APCM report 2024

Our housegroups are an important part of the work of our church in developing discipleship in our congregation. Jesus commanded his disciples to go out “and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded.” (Matthew 28:18) and together this is what we endeavour to do in these groups.

We started the year with five groups but due to changing commitments and age restraints two groups, sadly, have found their numbers dwindling so much they have had to close so the Wednesday evening and Friday lunchtime sessions no longer meet.

However, the remaining three groups are thriving.

The Monday evening group has a regular eight participants. The meeting often involves watching a Dvd on Christian matters and then discussing how the learning on the subject can apply to our everyday life. Subjects have included courage, honesty and suffering.

The Tuesday morning group has a regular ten participants. The meeting works through a biblical book, discussing what it says, its background and its relevance for our life in the 21st Century. At present the group are studying Exodus.

This year we started a Zoom Tuesday evening meeting. This has a regular four attendees. It also looks at a biblical book and discusses its background and relevance to life today. They have just completed looking at Malachi and are moving on to Daniel.

All of the meetings are enjoyable, where conversation flows and whilst rightly being challenging for our Christian life are filled with humour and pleasant discussion.

Altogether eighteen people from our congregation take part by participating in these meetings and enjoying each other's fellowship, ideas and knowledge. Everyone is welcome so do contact Keith if you are interested in joining in with this aspect of our Church life.

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