



Why do Fellowship Groups meet?

Colossians 2:6-7 says: "...just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

With this in mind, the goal of Fellowship Groups is to learn to live with Christ as Lord over every area of our lives.

What do Fellowship Groups do?

So that we can encourage one another to live with Christ as Lord, Bible study and prayer are at the heart of the group meetings, along with plenty of time to get to know one another better (usually over coffee and cake!) and share our lives together.

When do Fellowship Groups meet?

Most groups meet weekly on Wednesday evening, but there are also groups meeting on Tuesday morning and early on Wednesday morning. There are groups for women on Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon (fortnightly). Contact Chris Hobbs for more information. Once a month on a Wednesday evening we meet together as a church family to pray.

If you are interested in joining a Fellowship Group, please contact Chris Hobbs, 0121 472 0050

Fellowship Groups

January - April 2018



God's Masterplan
Ephesians

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One of the great blessings of being a Christian is that God has let us into the secret of his masterplan for the universe; we know where everything is heading. Not only is there a plan rather than chaos; God's plan is both good and grand, and could hardly be bigger or better. His 'good pleasure [is] to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ' (Ephesians 1:10). Wow!

And that's where the church comes in. The church? Yes! Our weak, flawed, often ordinary and dull gathering of believers week by week is precisely where God is working out his plan. As he brings us together under Christ, in love for him and for one another, we are experiencing and demonstrating the unity he intends to bring to the entire cosmos. 'His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known' (3:10).

That's why it matters so much the way we live. So, having expounded the glories of what God has done for us in Christ (chapters 1-3), Paul carefully unpacks what it looks like to 'live a life of love' as God's 'dearly loved children' (chapters 4-6).

Jan 10 **Prayer Gathering**

17 It's all here
Ephesians 1:1-14

24 Knowing God
Ephesians 1:15-23

31 From death to life
Ephesians 2:1-10

Feb 7 **Prayer Gathering**

14 **Ash Wednesday Holy Communion, 6.00pm**
Peace in our time
Ephesians 2:11-22

21 *Half term Break*

28 An open secret
Ephesians 3:1-13

Mar 7 **Prayer Gathering**

14 Loved, actually
Ephesians 3:14-21

21 How churches grow
Ephesians 4:1-16

Easter Break

Apr 11 **Prayer Gathering**

18 A life of love
Ephesians 4:17-5:33 (part)

25 **Annual Meeting**

May 2 Stand your ground
Ephesians 6:1-24

These dates are Wednesdays.

For details of other groups, see overleaf.

*Prayer Gatherings are in St Stephen's, 8.00-9.30pm
(or on the Tuesday before; 10.00-11.30am with crèche).*