

Why should I join a home group?

Jesus calls us to be disciples, which means people who are willing to learn from him and put into practice everything that he commands. However, this is not always easy. We do our best to learn about God's purposes for us from the Sunday sermon, but we don't always remember everything, and sometimes we have other questions...

Home groups are informal gatherings where you can ask any question you want about the issues you face in your day to day life, not just "church" things. What you might feel unable to mention on a Sunday is less daunting amongst a small group of trusted, supportive friends.

From time to time, we all need people on whom we can lean. A home group can provide such people – real friends who will look out for you and are not afraid to share their lives (struggles and joys) with you. Your home group also provides you with the opportunity to serve others by reciprocating care. This too is important for your growth as a disciple.

Okay. So what's the commitment?

Our Home Groups meet roughly alternate weeks and they function best when everyone turns up. However, in practice, most people find that membership of a home group is a joy and a privilege, not a burdensome commitment.

If you take following Jesus seriously and would like to join a Home Group, please contact the Rector, Revd Mark Dunstan on 01920 877276.

Home Groups

We currently have 5 small groups meeting in homes around the benefice.

Beta meets at "Brightside", Widford Road, Hunsdon at 9:30am, Thursday mornings:
Contact: *Revd Mark Dunstan*
01920 877276

Gamma meets at 16, Wicklands Road, Hunsdon at 2:30pm Tuesday afternoons.
Contact: *Mrs Jill Whitley*
01279 842712

Delta meets at 16, Wicklands Road, Hunsdon at 7:45pm Wednesday evenings.
Contact: *Revd Jim Ledger*
01279 842848

Sigma meets at the homes of various members at 7:45pm Wednesday evenings.
Contact: *Mr David Scott*
01279 842839

Theta meets at Hunsdon Rectory at 8pm Tuesday evenings.
Contact: *Revd Mark Dunstan*
01920 877276

The programmes are as follows...

Gamma

We're looking at "The Christ Files," asking the question "How do Historians know what they know about Jesus?"

11th May Gnostics and Romans

25th May Jews and Christians

29th Jun Lost Sources and Oral Traditions

6th Jul Archaeologists and Artefacts

Beta, Delta, Sigma, Theta

We're studying Paul's short letter to his trusted friend, Titus, which speaks about **The Path to Godliness**.

11-13th May A Helicopter Joyride

25-27th May Teachers True and False

8-10th Jun Motivation for a Changed Lifestyle

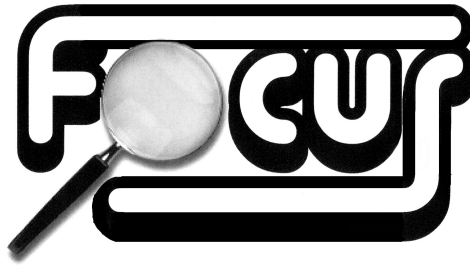
22-24th Jun Why Born Again Christianity is Authentic

29th Jun - 1st Jul The Content of a Changed Lifestyle

13-15^h Jul The Path to Godliness

There are also other benefice events to which we hope home group members and non-members alike will come: *PRAYERWORX* and *FOCUS*.

PRAYERWORX



**The United Benefice of Hunsdon
with Widford and Wareside**

***Knowing Christ
and Making Him Known***

FOCUS is an occasional event which helps us look in detail either from a Christian angle at particular issues that we face in life or at one aspect of the life of the church. Our next FOCUS is

“Fatherhood”

Together we'll be investigating what fatherhood is and what it is for.

This event is not exclusively for fathers, but the subject matter is (obviously) peculiarly relevant to them!

**St Francis Chapel in Hunsdon
8pm, 16th June 2010**

Discipleship: A Personal Journey

We gather as a crowd on a Sunday, and as small groups during the week, but we are called to follow Christ as individuals in our daily life. Without discipline, this is hard for us, and we can quickly fall away.

To help with this, you might like to check out **The Quiet Room** on the church website (www.hwwchurch.org.uk).



**Home Group Programme
Summer 2010**

Taking seriously the Apostle Paul's command to "pray continually" (1 Thess 5:17), we set aside time each month to pray together for the church and the world. This usually takes place on the first Wednesday of the month at 8pm in the St Francis Chapel, Hunsdon.

This term, we meet on **5th May, 2nd Jun** and **7th Jul**. (Next term begins 1st Sept.)

We also meet for prayer



9:30 Mondays:

- 9, Appleton Ave, Wareside
- Brightside, Widford Road, Hunsdon (Ladies only)
- 6, Acorn Street, Hunsdon (Men only)

9:15am Tuesdays

- Rose Cottage, Widford

If you have any requests for prayer, please contact Revd Mark Dunstan (see over) or Maggie Jolley on 01279 843600, or you can post requests in our Prayer Boxes in Hunsdon Church, Chapel, School or Shop, or through our *Prayer Box* page on the website.