

# Fellowship Groups

Fellowship groups for learning and support have always been integral to the Methodist tradition originating in the original Methodist 'societies' that met within the Church of England. TMC has a number running throughout the week with different characters and focus.

The **Wednesday Morning Fellowship Group** meets unsurprisingly on Wednesday mornings in the Church from 10 - 11am twice a month during term time. It is normally led by our Minister, Andy, covering, in the last year, subjects including the applicability of the parables to everyday life and women of influence in the Bible.

**Footsteps** is run by and led by its members in their homes. Its emphasis is on Bible study and prayer but with periodic informal social evenings included in the mix. It meets on every second Wednesday evening often using six week study courses (over 3 months). Recent ones have been the Biblelands Lent course "Being Family", Prayer and Listening by Jan Johnson, the Psalms guided by Donald Coggan and St Mark's Gospel using the Good Book Guide.

This is a group of "non-expert seekers", not academics all trying to find the truth of God's love together in an atmosphere of mutual encouragement.

The **Friday Morning Fellowship Group** is a weekly group meeting at 10am to better understand God's word and to seek His relevance for us today through study, prayer and sharing together. Bible study guides are used recently including Playing Second Fiddle (Romans 12), All Life is Here ( 1 Timothy) and the life and calling of Moses.

Contact has been made with various Christian missions too. A representative of the Barnabus Fund addressed the group on the plight of persecuted Christians in the Middle East. A Cypriot family spoke of their work with the church there. An Indian missionary told of his work with the poor.

The **Monday and Wednesday Fellowship Groups** meet in the evenings in members homes for around 2 hours. A variety of material is used sometimes following published guide material and often studying a complete book of the Bible. The evening is usually split into an hour's study and discussion but leaving plenty of time for prayer and fellowship.

The **Wesley Guild** meets in the Church or Church Halls every Tuesday evening at 8pm from September to April with coffee evenings at the homes of members during the summer months. It has a varied programme with a mix of evenings devoted to worship, service, learning and fun. Meetings last around an hour plus time for tea and chat. A £1 donation to cover expenses is appreciated.

**M3** provides an opportunity for men to share in fellowship over lunch at 12noon in a local hostelry on the third Monday of each month (hence M3). Conversations are wide ranging and the atmosphere one of mutual support. Funds are raised for the benefit of Target 21 or the current Church Project.

**Lunching Ladies** was formed recently and is the sister group to M3 normally meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.

**All meetings are open to all and a warm welcome is assured.**

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