

The Brickhills and Stoke Hammond

Living Faith: Lent Course 2010

Living Faith 1: Sustaining the sacred centre

This is about encouraging and enabling clergy and lay people to deepen their enjoyment of God, and to recognise God's presence in everyday life.

Sunday readings: Colossians 1. 15 – 20; John 1. 1 – 14

Living Faith 2: Making disciples

This is about the core task left to us by Jesus. It usually takes the form of accompanying people on a journey to faith by the intentional use of nurture courses, mentoring, or simple friendship, and then encouraging them to follow Christ in everyday life.

Sunday readings: Romans 12. 1 – 8; John 1. 29 – 51

Living Faith 3: Making a difference in society

This is about recognising that in a holistic understanding of God's action in the world, social justice and prophetic witness cannot be put in a box as a specialism or an extra, but is at the heart of the calling of every Christian community in its own context.

Sunday readings: James 1. 19 – 27; John 13. 1 – 17

Living Faith 4: Creating vibrant Christian communities

This is about shaping 'communities of grace' which exhibit the character of Jesus. Such attractive communities are genuinely hospitable, deeply engaged with their communities, and passionate about God.

Sunday readings: 1 John 4. 7 – 12; John 15. 1 – 26

Living Faith 5: Shaping confident collaborative leadership

This is about developing leadership using all the resources available to the local church. It will involve consolidation in some parishes and new work in others to build up shared ministry in teams, with appropriate training and support.

Sunday readings: Romans 12. 3 – 8; John 21. 1 – 22