

About our housegroups...

The Monday Morning housegroup

We meet weekly on Monday mornings, and have continued to do so on Zoom during the pandemic. We start with a social catch-up followed by 60-90 minutes of Bible-based study and prayer time at the end. The sessions have been either DVD based or followed popular study booklets on particular topics. We have also had many quizzes over the past year and hope to be able to meet outdoors soon, and back into homes when we feel it is safe to do so. We feel that fellowship is of great importance and have tried to support each other with phone calls, messages and prayers, particularly over the past year.

The Monday Evening housegroup

We meet weekly, usually in homes in Bradley and Hognaston, but since March 2020 we have met every week on Zoom with all members taking part. Our sessions are Bible based, usually following a study book and we mix study and discussion. We aim to have some social catch up time and also a prayer time at the end. When we are able, we look forward to more social time together, barbecues and pot luck suppers being our favourites!

The Tuesday Morning housegroup

Until March 2020, we met weekly from 10 am until 11.30 am (approx). We have 17 members on the book and had an average attendance of 12 per week. The majority of members are elderly.

We normally use a study book, such as Spiritual Gifts (Lifebuilder series) and Finding the Way – A Methodist Way of Life. We started all our meetings with coffee and prayer, and continued with study and discussion. On the second Tuesday, we did not study but had coffee and prayer and maybe a discussion on a topic introduced by a member. We didn't meet in August each year, and have usually commenced each September with a Communion Service in Church with Rev Tim.

In the past we have met in the Vestry, with the second Tuesday at Alma's flat, but we have not met since the pandemic started, face to face meetings being impossible and most of us unable to meet on Zoom. We are anxious to meet again but at the moment it isn't possible to say when or where. Watch this space!

The Wednesday Evening housegroup

We meet every other Wednesday throughout the year except in August. Meetings start at 7.30pm and usually last approximately one and a half hours. We meet (during normal times) at the home of Jenny & Eric Williams. We currently meet on Zoom. It is our intention to continue using Zoom during the winter months.

Meetings take the format of welcome refreshments to start together with a general chat, then opening prayers followed by a Bible Study and discussion and finally closing

prayers. There are two socials during the year, one in July and one in December. For much of the time we use LifeBuilder Bible Studies.

The Thursday Evening Weekly housegroup

We have a mix of fellowship and Bible study. We use a variety of resources such as DVDs (for various courses), Cover to Cover Bible study booklets with accompanying discussion questions, and NOOMA DVDs (these are 15 minute DVD sessions followed by discussion).

We have the occasional social evening, and we meet on a weekly basis.

Anybody is welcome to come and try us out to see if it suits them. There is no obligation to stay if you feel it's not your cup of tea. Jeff

The Thursday Evening Fortnightly housegroup

We are a small group of individuals, of varied experiences of faith, who aim to grow as disciples through the sharing of our experiences, our understanding and our questions with each other. We use a mixture of resources to stimulate our conversations including scripture, film, image and our own experiences. The group is coordinated by Jo and Paul Taylor, who have lived in Ashbourne for 3 years, and we meet fortnightly, either at home or via zoom.

The Friday Evening housegroup

We meet Fortnightly on a Friday evening. We use a wide range of material that is chosen by the group, and always pray together. We're currently meeting on zoom, but plan to return to face-to-face meetings when we can. In the past this has included a meal and activities for children. The group is growing steadily and adapting as new people join. New people are always welcome.

The Hulland Bible Study Group

The group was started by members of the former Hulland Methodist Chapel. It soon became an ecumenical group and was led for some years by an Anglican Lay Reader.

There are currently three Methodists, four Anglicans and one with a foot in each camp, but we always welcome new people. The group normally meets in Hulland Ward on the first Wednesday evening of each month - but this sometimes varies.

We follow a series of studies, decided by the group, based on a Biblical theme or a book of the Bible. This is led by one of two members, but there is usually a lively discussion in which everyone takes part!

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