

Housegroups 2007/08

The following people have volunteered to run groups this year:

Categories:

- A) Ann Daymond (Newton Abbot)
Linda Ranjit (Ipplepen)
- B) Betty Powell (Newton Abbot)
- C) Bob & Jean Francis (Kingsteignton)
- D) Ron Osborne (Newton Abbot)
Jim Reed (Aller Park)
- E) Andy & Gill Sinden (Newton Abbot)

What is a Housegroup ?

A housegroup is a way of helping people grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. It provides an opportunity for getting to know other people, sharing matters of faith ... and therefore uncertainties! ... as well as strengthening the fellowship of the Church.

There is no need to say anything at any group ... though no doubt eventually you will. Meeting together in groups enables all of us, as Christians, to grow spiritually, and will also strengthen the Church.

The focus of each housegroup meeting is Bible study. There will also be time for prayer as well as sharing each other's concerns. A housegroup wouldn't be complete without tea (or coffee) and biscuits!

Group A meets on a *Friday* morning, group B meets on a *Monday* morning, group C meets on *Tuesday* or *Wednesday* evenings and groups D and E meet on a *Wednesday* evening. Housegroup meetings will last about a couple of hours. You are invited to join any one of the groups listed opposite. If the proposed locations or timings are not convenient to you, then please let us know, so that we can be flexible in our arrangements.

Housegroup coordinator:

Bob Francis

THE AVENUE CHURCH

Housegroup Programme 2007/08



**The aim of The Avenue Church
is to preach the gospel, glorify
God and to help people
become disciples of
Jesus Christ.**

Called to be Saints!

Most groups will start the studies during the week beginning 17th September, but, as there is some variation in both starting week and day of meeting, please check with the leader of your chosen group.

Part One

- 1 [Using the Imagination](#)
- 2 [Characteristics of the Saints](#)
- 3 [In Christ, in Newton Abbot](#)

Part Two

- 4 [The Scandal of the Cross](#)
- 5 [Accepting God's Acceptance!](#)
- 6 [The Saving Spirit](#)

Part Three

- 7 [Setting all Free!](#)
- 8 [Life Together in God's Church](#)
- 9 [Cosmic Power Here, Now!](#)

CTNA Lent Series

Churches Together in Newton Abbot will be arranging a programme of meetings during Lent.

All meetings will be at The Avenue on
Wednesday, 13 February
Wednesday, 20 February
Wednesday, 27 February
Wednesday, 5 March
Wednesday, 12 March
Further details nearer the time

“Called to be Saints!”

This is the way St. Paul often addressed the congregations to whom he wrote, and this particular phrase comes from the opening paragraphs of his letter to the Romans.

“**Called to be Saints!**” Do you recognise yourselves? Well, you should because that's how Paul would have regarded you!

We have been misled into thinking that saints are those special people enshrined in the stained-glass windows of great cathedrals, all with shining haloes around their heads. Undoubtedly those figures do have an honoured place in the history of our Faith for many different reasons, but that's not how Paul see things and I doubt those figures would even recognise themselves!

Paul describes the saints as those faithful Christian people who love their Lord and who have made Him the centre of their lives and seek to live in His way. They didn't always get it right, as we will see in the course of the studies, but they remained faithful to Jesus and loyal to one another in the community of His faithful people.

We will focus this year on the teaching of Paul in the New Testament as he writes to his churches and because his writings have been recognised since the beginning as a part of our scriptures, we will consider what the Spirit is actually saying, through those writings, to us in Newton Abbot today!

These studies come in three sections of three. The first three are introductory; in the second we will reflect on three key themes concerning how God makes saints, and finally, we will look at three key themes that emerge from Paul's letters that have a particular relevance for today.