



All Saints Church, Earls Barton.

Growing Together is a new programme of activities at All Saints. The programme has been designed to help us grow together as Christians on our individual journeys of faith; grow together as a vibrant, attractive worshipping community and grow together as we witness in Earls Barton, showing God's love.

Growing Together

There are already many opportunities for sharing and learning together at All Saints, additionally in the autumn there will be a six week course called **Start**. This will be led by people from the parish supported by Rev. Andrew Rayment and Liz Holdsworth. It is intended to give a good grounding in Christian basics for people new (and not so new) to faith; those exploring their faith for the first time. Please think about attending, suggesting it to someone or helping lead it. It promises to be both interesting and fun!

There will also be both **adult** and **young people's confirmation classes** for those preparing to take the step of making a full Christian commitment.

It is also intended that there will be opportunities in the spring to study and share together for those who wish to develop and deepen their understanding of their faith. This will probably follow a course like **Emmaus**, as well as other shorter term opportunities such as **Lent groups**.

We will also be encouraging growth through the use of **House Groups** both those currently running and hopefully some new ones. An option currently being worked on is an occasional **Men's Breakfast** to provide an opportunity for reflection, fellowship, growth and of course breakfast!

We intend to develop a co-ordinated approach to **children's ministry**, so there's a link between **crèche, pre-school and Sunday clubs, Choir and Crusaders**. We'll be considering how to best meet any training needs for those involved (and who may be involved in the future) in this vital area of working with children.

Praying Together

In order to grow together (or do anything else!) we need to further develop our prayer life. In addition to the current range of opportunities for prayer it is hoped to encourage the development of more **prayer pairs**



and triplets. Sue Suter and Gill Metcalfe are leading, with Michael, a fortnightly prayer meeting in church to be called “**Powerhouse**”. We are all being encouraged to renew our prayer life. Sue has produced a list of daily subjects for prayer which reflect the needs of our community.

Worshipping Together

Whilst continuing to worship God through our wide range of services; designed to reflect that we are both created in diversity and called to unity, we are adding an opportunity for less formal worship using modern worship songs, drama and fresh ways of hearing familiar messages. These services are called **Faith@4** and are held at 4pm on a Sunday, about every six weeks. This is real opportunity to invite and involve new people in a relaxed but purposeful atmosphere.

Caring Together

As part of our commitment to showing God’s love in our community we have established the **In Touch Scheme**. This, alongside the work of the Clergy, Pastoral Assistants and others, forms the core of our care and support for each other. At the heart of our work with families is the **Summer Play Scheme** providing fun for children and respite for parents.

Working Together

These different activities are all part of a programme which has been developed by Michael and the leadership team with Andrew Rayment and Liz Holdsworth. It has been discussed at and agreed with the PCC. There will be further developments in the next few weeks and months; we would be really pleased to hear your views and suggestions. If you would be interested in joining or hosting a House Group or feel called to help in any other way please talk to Michael or one of the leadership team. We believe that this programme will add to our life as a Church, make us more effective in our mission to share our faith and assist us all to grow together.