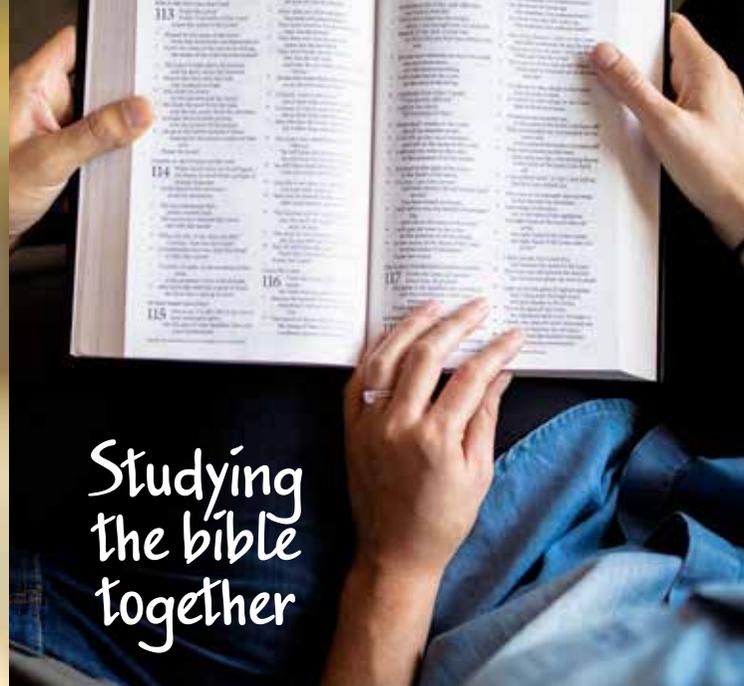




Building friendships

Acts chapter 2 verses 44-47

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



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Small
Groups

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What is a Small Group?

The name is deceptive, since it may have anything up to about 15 people!

A small group (life group or home group) is a group of Christians who meet together regularly with a desire to grow in relationship with God and with one another.

Why do we have small groups at St Margaret's?

Small groups are part of 8 core values, which underpin our churches life.

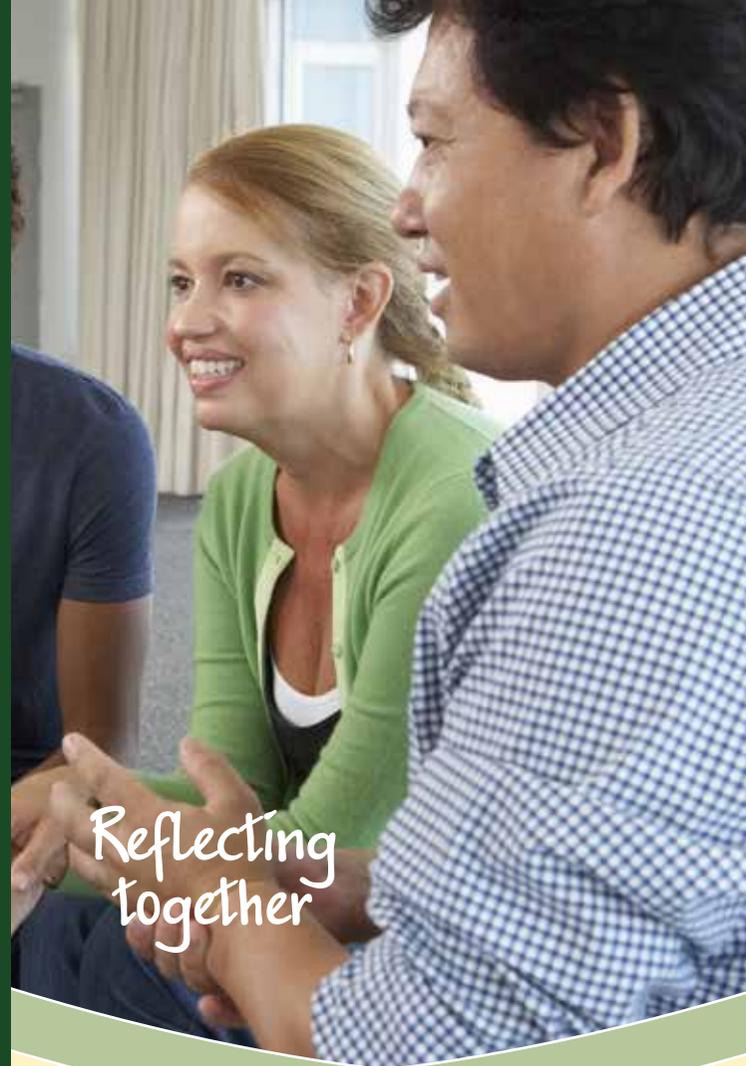
They offer the opportunity for us to support and encourage one another as we seek to follow Jesus day by day. It is great to share together in worship at services, but it can be difficult to get to know one another. Small groups offer the opportunity to build friendships and to reflect together. The early church met regularly together and experience spiritual growth by doing so (Acts 2:44-47). The writer to the Hebrews also suggests that meeting together can be a real encouragement for us (Hebrews 10:25).

When does a small group meet?

Groups may get together during the day or in the evening, once a week, fortnightly or monthly! Some groups even communicate via social media and meet less frequently.

What goes on in a small group?

Every group will do things in a different way, but it may include some simple worship together, looking at the word of God, praying for one another and building relationships together. It may also include eating and socialising together.



Reflecting
Together

Hebrews chapter 10 verses 24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Who runs a small group?

Small groups are run by Christians who are part of St Margaret's. They are believers who have been on the journey with Jesus for some while and are on hand to listen, support and encourage.

Are all groups the same?

No. People are very different and the groups they are part of vary enormously. We see this as a very positive thing and value the way each group is different from one another. Our uniqueness is to be celebrated!

Do I have to be a Christian for a certain amount of time to join a group?

Not at all. You can be a totally new Christian or have been one for decades. It is not a matter of how much you know, but much more about whether you want to grow spiritually.

Does it cost anything to join a group?

There is no financial charge to join a group. Some groups might decide to purchase some books in order to help in studying the Bible, but there is no obligation to do this if you would rather not.

How can I join a group?

We can help you to find a group, although it is always a good idea to visit and see what you think. Please feel free to talk to one of the clergy or to contact the parish office if you would like to know more or to join a group.

Contact details for the clergy and the parish office are printed on the back page of this leaflet.