

Outreach Bulletin May 2022

WRU: Home Missions

Dear friends, below are a few ideas for outreach and ministry in your churches and local area. I'd love to hear from you, let me know if you'd like me to come and visit your church to discuss any of these, or if you have any other ideas I could share with everyone in the next Bulletin. Also if you've recently done some outreach or are planning something for later in the year, please let me know so that I can also encourage other churches with your news.

Every blessing in Christ - Andy Wilcock.

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Ideas to reconnect with those around your church

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1) News and Special Events

1) World Cup Final 2022 is on Sunday 18th December 3pm

If you're thinking of holding a Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas, just be aware that the Final will be at 3pm on Sunday 18th.

2) Big Lunch - 5th June 2022 - Get information [here](#) and a free pack. Look to see if there is already one in the area, and go and join them. Or host your own. Its a great Opportunity to meet the people who live around your church and get to know them

3) The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2nd-5th June 2022 - Have you got something planned? Please email Andy with details of what you are doing, so we can share details with other churches and pray for you.

2) Praying for your community

Requests for pray.....

A few of our churches, deliver Prayer Request Leaflets to the homes around their church, committing to prayer for the streets, families and homes. This the leaflet Jackie used last year at Church on the Rock. Please get in touch if you'd like me to design one for your church and area..



Praying for Local Businesses

Preaching at our church in Denby Dale last year, just before the service, I was told that every week they pray for a different business in the village, and could I pray for "Beauty Boutique", a nail salon during

the service. You'll be surprised to hear that I've never been to a Nail Salon, but I was very happy to pray for them and their business. What a lovely idea! It is actually an initiative organised by the Churches Together.

How to get started - ask someone to draw up a list of 10 local businesses and start praying for them. You could visit them yourself and say that you're praying for them, and ask what you could pray for. Also try to shop there / use their services, put a flyer up at church during the week you pray for them under a sign "This week we're praying for !! Maybe also during the week drop off a box of chocolates for them.

Question : Would you pray for a local Betting Shop? If you would, how would you pray? And before you ask, I'm not suggesting you give them your business.

3) Starting up again.....

A number of our Churches have not started midweek meetings again, coffee mornings, youth work etc. Could we help you? What are the challenges you face?

At Hampden View, we've closed our Girls Brigade, so we could concentrate on doing other things better. What we've found is that people are desperate to get out and start going to groups / events again - our Toddler group and Kids Cub have bounced back after Covid. We've also started a "Knit and Natter group", this is well attended and really valued by those who attend.

What about something new? Here's a few ideas, they don't have to be weekly, maybe start with a monthly meeting, please email me if you'd like advice on getting one of these started

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Fellowship Group

Knit and Natter

Craft Group

Book Club

Brain and Soul Boosting ([See below](#))

Day Time Bible Study

Toddler Group

Prayer Meeting

Breakfast meeting

Walking Group

Kids Club

Boards Game Group

4) Sharing your Faith Simply - Home Missions Resources

There are now six short videos and powerpoints on the WRU website looking at sharing your faith with the communities around your Church. Michael Hedley and Andy Wilcock have recorded their thoughts to support your church in doing outreach. These short clips are designed as a starter, to provoke discussion, encourage prayer and ideas for evangelism. You could use them as part of Sunday Worship, in a leaders group or Bible Study.

Andy is keen to visit your church and support you in any form of outreach, from a Holiday Club, Craft Day, Family Fun Evening, All age service / Messy Church, Park Events or maybe starting a regular activity like a Toddler Group or Kids Club. He can also help in producing publicity, speaking at an evangelistic event or story telling. Please do get in touch.

[Video Clips](#)

1) Sharing Your Faith Simply - Introduction	4) Prayer & Outreach
2) Know Your Community and be known by them	5) Personal Testimony
3) Relationship Building	6) Outreach Events

5) Brain and Soul Boosting for Seniors

What is it?

It's a lovely resource produced by [Pilgrims Friends Society](#) to help groups explore a subject in a light hearted way, that also involves prayer, bible reading and a short thought. You choose a theme, say Bread, Transport, Holidays, Weddings and create a programme around it.

Our group at Hampden View consists of men and women in their 50's to 80's on a Wednesday afternoon every few months, in place of our normal Wednesday meeting.

The last theme we did was bread.

- Reminiscing Question : What is your earliest memory of bread? Did someone in your house make it? How much did it cost to buy, when you were a child?
- When did Sliced Bread first come into the shops?
- We had a Quiz on world breads, and had to try and recognise breads from Israel, France, Germany etc.
- We did Hot Cross Bun Tasting (It was just before Easter), but you could taste different types of bread.
- A Bible reading - John 6:1-15 Feeding of the 5,000 or John 6:25-40 I am the Bread of Life
- Someone could give a short thought on one of these passages, or read out a Daily Reading that relates to bread.
- You could also sing a hymn or listen to a piece of music.
- Hymn - Guide me oh thou great Jehovah.

Where could you use this?

An Established Ladies Meeting or Fellowship group - maybe once every two months as something different. Also a good opportunity to invite new people along.

Introduction to Bible Study - Maybe there are people in your church who feel intimidated by the idea of a Bible Study. They feel they are not clever enough or wouldn't enjoy it. This could be a great way of introducing the Bible to them and we have found its great way to get others, who usually don't say anything, to speak and contribute.

Care Home activity - Maybe you have the opportunity to go into a Care Home and this could be a great Group Activity to do with people there. The material was originally designed for people with Early Dementia, and uses taste, touch, music and storytelling.

If you want to know more please speak to Andy or Anne-Marie about this.

6) Life Magazine - [10 of those](#)

Looking for an attractive evangelistic resource to give away? You can buy the Life Magazine for only 20p when you buy 500 copies!

The Spring/Summer edition of the Life Magazine contains money advice, puzzles, recipes and incredible stories of people who have had their lives changed as they have trusted in Jesus.

