

### Friday evening (Every third week) Different locations

**Contact:** Jane Scott on 2673761

**Group members write,** 'Our group has a family feel, where new members are always welcome. Evenings consist of a meal, chat and many exchanges of views through discussion, argument and laughter. We study various passages of the Bible and also discuss life in general. Sometimes it is just good to share our concerns with each other vulnerably in a safe place. We encourage one another in our Christian faith journey, talk about any confusion and doubts we might have and look anew at Christian commitment to follow Jesus Christ. We like to call ourselves an 'Emmaus Group' which reflects the story of the two men who walked on the road to Emmaus with Jesus - unbeknownst to them - and their hearts burned as he revealed himself to them and their understanding of his promise of eternal life grew. Do join us!'

### **Start you own**

If you do not feel there is a Home Group here that suits you then you might wish to start your own. If so please contact me and we can talk about how I might be able to help you get started. **Vince**



# Birstall & Wanlip



Where everyone is welcome

One of the most compelling reasons to join a home group is the sense of belonging you get. To be a part of something interesting and enriching where you also feel loved, respected and know you can relax and be fully yourself is important to us all.



Add to this the opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Christian faith through shared discussion and experience and you have a good mix for long term - and potentially deep - Church friendships too.

Home groups offer confidential settings where the discussions are real, the care is genuine and good fun can be had!

In our churches we have a variety of home groups offering different contexts and different ways of sharing; some with food central to the meeting, some with a classic Bible study approach and some with a more informal feel, but all with one thing in common: they offer opportunities for real fellowship where you can grow together in love and trust whilst encouraging and supporting each other on your individual and shared Christian journeys.

Home groups can be as different as the people who participate so do feel free to try different groups and find one that suits your needs. Do not be afraid to move around until you find the right one for you and please consider joining one, I know you'll be glad you did. **Vince.**

### The Groups

#### Tuesday at 2:30-4pm (Fortnightly) at 64 Johnson Rd

**Contacts:** Beryl McHugh on 2674913 or Barbara Rhodes on 2673504

**Beryl writes,** 'We aim to offer friendship and fellowship in a relaxed atmosphere, where anyone can feel free to talk about themselves or their experiences of life and faith. Learning from one another is a big part of our time together, which always starts and finishes with prayer. If someone has a particular issue they want to bring up, we would ask them to introduce it, or sometimes we listen to eminent Christian leaders on CD, debating important issues of interest to us all, before we discuss them amongst ourselves. Talking or just sitting and listening are equally important - as are the tea and cakes with which we end the afternoon!'

#### Tuesday evening (1st & 3rd) 12 Oakfield Ave

**Contact:** Peter & Gill Chester on 2120236 or Gill Pope on 2675086

'We have lively discussion and debate about many subjects based on our study of the Bible. We seek to understand it and apply our understanding in our lives - however, we don't always agree! We have a lot of fun together, pray for each other (and people we know), sometime share food, often share wine and generally have a good time. We've used DVDs and books to help our discussion but are rarely lost for words! We are always pleased for more people to join us, either occasionally, or regularly.'

#### Wednesday morning 10:00am (Weekly) at 9 Farm Close

**Contact:** Rita Richards on 2674536

**Sheryl writes,** 'We work on a loose framework of the four W's: Welcome, Worship, Word and Witness. The group is open, friendly and fun. We start with tea/coffee and cake and sing and laugh and share our thoughts in a safe place where no question is silly and everyone's contributions are valued and respected. No one is pressured to do anything they would feel uncomfortable doing. Everyone is welcome to join. Come and give us a try.'

#### Thursday at 7.30pm (Fortnightly) at The Close, School Lane

**Contact:** Tricia Emmett on 3194736

We encourage each other in our bible study by sharing our thoughts, questions & experiences in a friendly way. We support each other in prayer and we have a feeling of belonging to the family of God. In a Summer garden we enjoy sharing food and in December we 'Sing Christmas' at The White Horse. We are a welcoming group so, if you like laughter, fellowship & praising God, come & give us a try.'