

Parish of Ferndown
Study sheet for week commencing 25th May 2008-05-22
Devoted to God Together – ‘Doing Church’
Acts 2:42-47

Read the passage then consider some of the following discussion points:

1. If we, at St Mary's, had 3,000 people added to our number in one day, or even one year, how could we arrange our services to cope with this size of congregation?
2. The reading appears to give equal importance to 'meeting together in the temple courts' as to 'meeting in each other's houses'. How do you feel about the importance of Sunday Services compared to small group meetings?

Verse 46 says they met everyday. Why don't we do this? Are our reasons valid when considered against the importance of God's Kingdom on earth?

3. When we share Holy Communion together, how important to you is our specific church ritual? How important is it to have tradition? (Note there is no correct answer to this question.)
4. How do you feel about eating together in small groups? Does it help you to feel more together as a group? Why or why not?
5. The believers shared all they had. Those who were well off brought gifts to the apostles to share with those in need. *See Acts 4:34-35*. When you hear of a need do you want to help even if you can't. How would You feel if a gift you gave was abused? Would you give again? Should you give again?
6. Do you feel that you 'devote' yourself to the Bible's teaching and to prayer? If not, what stops you? Could you do anything about these barriers?