

## AGM report

### Small Groups

Aldridge parish church now has 13 small groups. This does not include the present beta groups but does include the ones that finished at Christmas and have now been amalgamated into the small group structure. The average membership of each group is about 12.

We have bi-monthly meetings with leaders and deputies and during these meetings we aim to include some relevant Bible study, time to listen and encourage each other, time to learn from each other and time for prayer. These meetings are generally well attended.

Our aim is for each group to encourage the gifts and talents of their members so that eventually there will be deputy leaders for each group who would then be mentored till they were in a position to take on a group of their own. This isn't going quite as speedily as we would have liked and we are hoping that continued leadership training like the course Richard ran last year will encourage more potential leaders to come to the fore especially with the steady flow of folk emerging from beta groups who we obviously want to continue to nurture.

All the groups operate in different ways though within the guidelines agreed by the PCM. These, if you are interested can be found on the web site by following the link to small groups.

In our role as small group co-ordinators we seek to support the leaders and again a greater description of this role can be found on the web site.