

ALDRIDGE PARISH CHURCH AGM
SMALL GROUPS REPORT 2010

There are 15 groups at the time of writing; with just over 200 people attending (this does not include Alpha, Beta or Über young adult groups). The number of groups has therefore dropped from 17 last year but the overall numbers attending increased slightly.

The groups are encouraged to include at each meeting; Worship, Teaching/Bible Study, Prayer and, as from 2010, Service. They are expected to provide pastoral cover for their members and have an outward outlook. Social events and the linking up with other groups are ways in which the outward outlook is achieved. Members are expected to participate in all this so that the responsibilities are shared. Gavin has been circulating the Groups over the last year to help inspire their prayer life. Most Groups use Bible Study material which links to the sermon series.

The Group Leaders meet bi-monthly for sharing, teaching, training, prayer and encouragement. Alan and Gillian as Co-ordinators have struggled to meet all the Leaders and visit the Groups as planned due to their new marriage ministry, and so Assistant Co-ordinators have been appointed in the form of Mark and Sue Chapman and Leo and Angie Luik. Since they will continue with leading their current groups, they will have pastoral cover for a few groups each, with the lion share staying with Alan and Gillian. It is hoped that more assistant co-ordinators be appointed in the future.

Three group leaders have stood down in the past year and our thanks go to John and Gemma Grice, Glennys Davies and Elaine Clark who led their groups up until then. One new group has come into the Small Group family from Beta, led by Jenny Cornfield.

We have been most encouraged by the life of the Small Groups over the past year, and the deepening of fellowship and Christian understanding which we believe has ensued. The groups have been so well run by their leaders and our thanks go out to them.

Alan and Gillian Winser
Small Group Co-ordinators