



Services at St Aidan`s

(A notice from Pastor Dave Labdon)

Since my arrival the Corporation, Vestry, Worship Committee and others have been working with me on the development of Worship and Church Services. The purpose of this notice is just to let you know something more about these services:

Messy Church

This service is a simple form of Church aimed at young families but where we'd love all ages to be present as a Real Church. We have successfully hosted this service a number of times and we'll do so again on **Jan. 18 from 4 to 6 p.m.** Please invite someone and spread the word!

Café Church

This service will also benefit and be suitable for new members or visitors. We will introduce this service on **Jan. 26 at 10 a.m.** at the end of a sermon series to help the Church confirm learning and decide application. The service consists of worship, prayer and interactive discussion in a café style with refreshments; it will only take place three or four times a year.

Real Lives Service

Where a month has five Sundays we will introduce this service, building on the *Real Lives* section of our current services. Slightly more informal, the aim is that this service will be for outreach and suitable for guests who may be seeking further understanding of the Christian faith. A guest speaker will be present and perhaps be interviewed on his/her Real Lives testimony; there will be a Gospel message too.

Fourth Holy Communion Service

This service will be developed so that it will be suitable to invite guests and can act as an introductory service for those beginning at St Aidan`s. A Gospel based message will be involved & the format will vary.

All of these plans have the aim of furthering God`s Kingdom and growing us as a Church and individual Christians. We want to develop them so that we can provide a 'gateway' for people to come into the Church and so that we reach out to the groups of people the Church has identified. This will involve some change and change may not always be seen as positive. I simply ask that we work and communicate with one another as we seek to grow in God. Any new venture needs to be given time to see if it is of God, so the aim is to stay the course for a reasonable period of time, to continually listen to each other and God, to review and to develop. I do not want us to be afraid of making mistakes.

Please feel free to speak to anyone in the aforementioned groups for further information and let us look with excitement and anticipation to the future in and with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Real God, Real Church, Real Lives