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Growing **Together**

Growing: **Adult Discipleship (GAD)**

for grown-ups to grow in friendship and faith with others.



Groups meeting from September 2015

- GAD Book Group
- Tea and Testament
- Evening Bible Study Group
- 21st century Mums

Join us for one or all of our adult discipleship groups.

Everyone is welcome.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2: 42



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GAD Book group

An informal meeting on **Wednesday 30 September at 2pm** or **Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm** (choose either one) in the Garden room of St Peter's House. The meeting usually lasts about an hour.

It is not necessary to have read all or any of the book beforehand. If you wish to just come and listen to the discussion that is fine. If you have read the book perhaps choose a section which resonates with you personally. Rest assured what we discuss is entirely confidential. Newcomers welcome.

We are looking at "**Against the Odds**" by **Carmel Thomason**. Carmel is a journalist and writer based in Manchester. A short and easy to read book. It describes inspirational true stories of forgiveness and healing followed by comments from a member of the clergy or church leader. It raises thought provoking questions and reflects on God's love and grace. Books are available at the back of church or alternatively can be purchased from Amazon online. Why not add this to your summer reading list?

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21st Century Mums

21st Century Mums is a group that meets usually on the **1st Tuesday of each month** to look at how the bible and Christian concepts relate to us in the 21st century and as Mums! We start the meetings with a specially chosen prayer then have a bible reading or reading from Christian books

that look at whatever topic we are focussing on that evening. We get our ideas for the sessions from Christian books and from each other. The second half of the session is a lively and wide-ranging discussion inspired by the readings in the first half. We are fuelled by plenty of tea and cake and interest in each other's point of view.

The meetings are in members houses and start at 8pm and finish at 10pm. Jo and Angela prepare the sessions but everyone is very welcome to contribute if they feel like it. This year we have chosen the theme of 'Women in the Bible'.

Contact Jo Green 07770 777790 or Angela Ginger 07709 213719



Tea and Testament

Tea and Testament is a discussion group which meets on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** in the month. We choose a character from the bible for discussion before each meeting with appropriate references suggested for study.

One member volunteers to do some deeper research and leads the discussion. Recently we have chosen some less well known characters from both the Old and New Testaments.

We have all enjoyed these group meetings and feel to have gained a great deal in our knowledge of the bible. As with the evening Bible Study Group these are all stand alone sessions so please come along even if you've missed a few.

Our next session will begin Tuesday 15 September 2pm at a member's home.

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Evening Bible Study Group

You are most welcome to come and join an informal **fortnightly group starting 16 September** in its quest to learn more about some of the minor, but nevertheless significant, players who are recorded in the New Testament. What do we really know, for example, about

Simeon and Anna, Nathanael, Priscilla and Aquila, Nicodemus, Dorcas, Martha and Mary, and Cornelius, to name just a few? Everyone will have an opportunity to choose a minor player to study and discuss. A wonderful resource is *Bit Part Players of the Bible Act 2* by Ray Markham, published by CWR. We thank the Tea and Testament group for introducing us to this book.

The stand-alone sessions will take place fortnightly on Wednesdays in the Garden Room of St Peter's House from 7.30pm – 9pm. Dates are: 16, 30 Sept; 14, 28 Oct; 11, 25 Nov; 9 Dec. Feel free to come just when you are able to do so.

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