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I thought the weekend was a huge success; with many people all meeting together, some for the very first time. The organization had been very well led by Viv Emerson from Caversham Heights and David Herbert from Gosbrook Road and we need to record our thanks to them both for all the work they put in. It was a real team effort from all concerned. From advertising, prayer cards, invitations printed (and delivered) catering done, to a very high standard, hosts for the Team, hosts for the coffee, music sorted...and so we could go on. A very good effort from both churches culminating in "One Church on Two Sites".

"One Church on Two Sites" is our aim for the future of the Methodist Church in Caversham and I think we have got off to a flying start.

Some the good things about the weekend were the coming together, and sharing together, whether over a meal or in a discussion group, we certainly got to know people a bit better. With regards the Lay Witness Team, they all seemed very nice sincere people, with a message they wanted to share with us. Some of the testimonies were a little too personal for me, but may have touched other people. We need indeed to be grateful for all of the Team and the time and effort they put into "Our Weekend". For them to give up a whole weekend, with many of them travelling good distances, they are to be commended.

Because of this weekend:

We got to know one another better, we heard people's concerns

And we heard their wish-lists

*Conclusion:* We need to work with what we've got, not just pray for more children, or young people or youth workers.

We need to use the resources in the buildings and the people in both churches, and begin with the good things already have and then the rest will follow.