

KATHY MUNNS

Well, I'd been to the preparation meetings and helped to invite other people but I for one was still not sure what to expect! So what did we do?

We shared meals, without having to worry about the washing up.

We did a lot of talking, at many different levels, perhaps at times more openly and in more depth than we had done before.

We sang - both heartily and worshipfully!

We listened to "ordinary" lay church members sharing their varying experiences of faith. and were challenged to think about both our own faith and what we wanted for our church, and shared our hopes with each other and with God.

We talked to people we had known for a long time and some we hardly knew, from both churches.

By the end of the weekend we had come up with a lot of ideas for the future, but they must not just remain ideas. We all have a part to play in refreshing the life of our church. This may mean drawing in new members in whatever way we can, but it also means deepening our own faith and reflecting on what we can do for God and for our church. We must keep alive the fellowship we shared in the deepest sense to move forward together.

One expressed desire was for more musicians and instruments in our worship and to use some newer worship songs. If you are interested in this, play an instrument or enjoy singing and learning new songs, please contact me and I will arrange a musical session to explore the possibilities.