

HOPE 08 Meeting at St James' Thrapston 23rd Jan

Approximately 45 people met for cafe style church to celebrate Fresh Hope, to worship & to give thanks for God's leading & inspiration, to be informed, to develop existing projects & events & to brainstorm new ideas. We prayed for Christian unity in our town & for God's guidance to always follow his leading in all that we do. We prayed for leaders in the field of youthwork especially men & for God to raise up a leader for the Children's Holiday club in the summer.

We heard about projects that are already in the planning stage:

1. A greetings card of Welcome to Newcomers to the town from the Thrapston churches with contacts who are willing to speak to & help with anyone's enquiry.
2. The Space 2 B : a drop-in listening centre to be opened on a temporary basis at the Thrapston Centre one afternoon a week.
3. Holiday at Home : a week of events, visits, activities, services for the over 60's during August.

Events planned:

1. Lent course KNOW HOPE for churches together starting 13th Feb for 5 weeks
2. Good Friday March & Easter Day Celebration
3. A Gospel concert in May
4. Charter Fair weekend with Praise in the Park on the Sunday in June.

People willingly contributed ideas for further developments of existing & new ideas & were informed as to dates of the next group meetings. We watched the DVD material from the HOPE website Fresh Hopes & Brokenness. Many were wearing the HOPE t-shirts.

We had a joyful & blessed time together & have great HOPE for our outreach in Thrapston.

From Christians in Thrapston x