

ST MARY THE VIRGIN RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN

BIBLE STUDY GROUP REPORT – APCM 2020/2021

Since the last APCM in October 2020 our Bible Study Group has continued to thrive. We now regularly have at least 12 people joining together for the Zoom meetings held on Monday mornings. (If anyone would be interested in joining the Group, they would be more than welcome.)

The meetings begin at 9:45 and start with half an hour of prayer. We pray for the long-term ill, then move on to those who are presently unwell, followed by those recently bereaved. Finally, we pray for those members of our congregation who are unable to join us for our Zoom services or who are lonely. Following our prayers, we move on to Bible study.

We use purchased study guides to help us focus our thoughts and recently have studied Judges, moving on to 1 Peter looking in detail at this book of the Bible.

The sessions are informative, thought provoking, and fun - occasionally leading to some lively debate!

Having concluded our study of Peter we then spent a couple of weeks exploring why each of us were Christians and how we could persuade others to become interested in the faith. This led us on to the start of Lent. During this period, we have been following the Lent course centred around the book 'Living His Story' by Hannah Steele. Our course very much reflects the Lent course led by Andy and has helped us considerably along our faith journey.

Once we are able to return to church, hopefully the sessions will move back to the Lady Chapel and we can resume meeting in person with coffee and biscuits.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Daphne who continues to lead the group and Ronnie who coordinates our prayers – both encourage us all to keep going!

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