

ST MARY THE VIRGIN, RIVERHEAD WITH DUNTON GREEN

Bible Study Group Report - 2019-2020

Over the past year our Bible study group has gone from strength to strength. We meet on a Monday morning, have not been deterred by lockdown, and value our time together for prayer, reading and discussion of a variety of Books of the Bible.

We started the year in May 2019 looking at Psalms, including my favourite the 23rd Psalm, and with a few weeks to go before the summer holidays we discussed the readings from the previous Sunday service. It was interesting to share our own thoughts on the meaning of the Bible passages. In September we started studying the Gospel of John but paused at the beginning of December to think about Advent and our own preparations for Christmas. We resumed our study of John in January, which took us to Lent where our studies focused on Paul's 'Passion for Christ' with readings from Paul's letters to the Corinthians. The Bible study group led the Good Friday service which was based on our reflections of Paul's letters. Currently our group are looking at the Book of Judges with its fast-moving stories about the disloyalty of God's people.

An important part of our study group is to spend time praying for those who are sick or facing difficulties in their lives. We pray for God's help and compassion for members of our congregation and for those known to us.

Lockdown has brought its challenges, but we are working well together on Zoom. There are benefits as more people have been able to join us on Zoom, but we look forward to the time we can return to our Church for coffee and companionship which isn't quite the same on a computer screen.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Daphne for leading the group, supporting the group and for keeping us all going!

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