

everybody welcome 4

the course where everybody helps grow their church

belonging

to the church community

WELCOME

WORSHIP

Course prayer

**Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom
And your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself.
Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them,
Sensitive feet to stand in their shoes,
And warm smiles to welcome them in your name.
Give us such generous hearts,
That our church becomes a foretaste of heaven
Where every soul you send finds their loving home
In the community of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

WORD

Introduction

DVD Introduction – The Glue that helps people stick

Read *Ephesians 2.14-22*

- 1 Who is welcome to join the body of Christ?
- 2 What does it mean for you to “belong” to the family of God?

Share

- 3 How did it feel when you first started coming to our church?
- 4 What helped you to feel fully part of our church?
- 5 What nearly put you off?

DVD – Top tips in welcoming

Checklist 2 Community outreach

- 6 Compile a list of the social events in the church's calendar
- 7 How suitable are they for newcomers?
- 8 What other events could you try?

Checklist 3 Pastoral care – 3 case studies = Andy and Gina, Flo + Stan

- 9 How would these people be cared for in our church?
- 10 What might we do to improve this?

Checklist 4 Nurture – 3 case studies = Andy and Gina, Flo + Stan

- 11 How would these people grow in their faith in our church?
- 12 What might we do to improve this?

DVD – Relationships

Checklist 5 Christian Service

13 When is a good time to invite new comers to join a work party or a service team?

5 Checklists

14 Each member fill in five checklists

15 Compare notes and fill in the five group summaries

16 Did you score the various questions in roughly the same way as each other?

17 Please give a copy of the group summary to Mike and Ali Saunders

Conclusion – what did we learn?

Please record

18 What is the most important thing we have discovered during thjis session?

19 What could we do in the short term without spending lots of money?

20 What might we like to do in the long term using rather more money?

21 Please give a copy of the answers to these questions to Mike and Ali Saunders

DVD – Authors conclusion

WITNESS

Pray for

Our church programme and special Services

Our church premises and publicity

Our personal contacts and one another