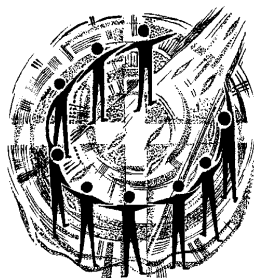


Portsmouth Diocese

Keeping in Touch with You

KIT

Newsletter



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As promised, here is the first KIT newsletter, 'Keeping in touch with You'. This newsletter is part of our plan to support all those who are seeking to introduce KIT into their community. A big thank you to all who attended our KIT workshops – nearly 100 people from every corner of the diocese! Up to 40 also joined us at the "Everybody's Welcome" day in Winchester on October 7th. Here is a reminder of what KIT is about:

KIT, Keeping In Touch, a lay-led ministry, is part of Our Diocesan Plan, "Go Out and Bear Fruit", which gives a high priority to 'outreach, especially evangelisation and involvement in the local community' (p.10).

KIT AIMS:

- * To welcome and keep in touch with all local Catholics, especially Catholics who do not go to church
- * To offer local Catholics, including non church-going Catholics, the opportunity to explore today's Church

STEPS TO ACHIEVE THESE AIMS:

- Find and form a KIT team
- Invite local Catholics to join KIT thro' prayer, publicity and personal contacts including home visits
- Set up small group meetings where Catholics can explore their faith

Thought for the month: *Every parishioner will know at least one person who does not go to church. What they may not realise is that they could be that person's only contact with the Church.*

Action: *Pray for them. Be there for them if needed. Make a point of listening to them and, if appropriate, invite them to a KIT meeting.*

News around and beyond the Diocese

- ❖ KIT handbook – new 3rd edition, rearranged and updated, will be available from Park Place at the end of October. It will also be on the KIT website.
- ❖ Windsor - a team of 7 has been formed and 3 returning Catholics have joined the first series of group meetings
- ❖ Romsey's team, including 2 Catholics who returned earlier this year, begins training for Home Visits next month
- ❖ Winchester: October 7th, at St. Peter's school. Nearly forty people, from Wallingford in the north to Jersey in the south of the diocese, attended the KIT workshops at the "Everybody's Welcome" day.
- ❖ Leicester: Sileby & Syston deanery have invited KIT to run a workshop on October 28th
- ❖ ICNE (International Congress for New Evangelisation) have invited KIT to present a workshop in Brussels on November 3rd
- ❖ Send us your news, questions, comments for the next edition of this KIT newsletter for inclusion in January's edition.

STORY: Pat had not been to church for many years, but always felt there was something missing in her life. When she received a letter saying 2 Catholics would call on her she decided to invite them in, and found herself crying as she told them her story. They invited her to join their group and she began to go to Mass with them once more. Now she attends regularly and is a welcomer. She feels that after so many years away she has come home.