

KIT NEWSLETTER



New KIT website

The KIT team is proud to announce that it now has its own website! We also have an email address to which you can send in comments, ask questions and submit items for inclusion in the next edition of the KIT newsletter.

The website is still a “work in progress” and we therefore invite you to pass on any thoughts and ideas on how it can be improved. We look forward to hearing from you!

Kit website: www.kit4catholics.org.uk
Enquiries: enquiries@kit4catholics.org.uk

Welcoming Workshop

More and more parishes are seeing the Welcoming Ministry as being an important part of the KIT programme.



So, if you are interested in having a workshop on welcoming, please contact us on:

enquiries@kit4catholics.org.uk

Kate
Harris



Kate, who was responsible for finding and forming our KIT Diocesan Team and who has led us to such success with her wisdom and experience, is retiring this Christmas. We are deeply indebted to her for her commitment to KIT. Thank you Kate and enjoy many happy years of retirement!

Setting up Evangelisation Groups

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales launched an initiative on Home Mission Sunday for all parishes to set up an evangelisation group for outreach. A CAFÉ/CASE DVD was sent to every parish with lots of ideas. Some parishes are already running CAFÉ courses and may be looking for something different.

KIT is an excellent means of outreach for those who do not come to church. Your Diocesan KIT Team is here to help and support any group wishing to begin this programme in their local church. Please contact us on our new email address:

enquiries@kit4catholics.org.uk



KIT Diocesan Team

The KIT Diocesan Team is expanding! We are delighted to welcome the following new faces:

Keith Chappell is the new Advisor for Marriage and Family Life and he will be replacing Kate Harris as our Diocesan link starting this December (see elsewhere in the newsletter about Kate's retirement).

Jane Taylor is a very experienced catechist from Bournemouth. Jane is already involved with the website and newsletter.

She and Keith will be looking at adapting small KIT group meetings for parents of children preparing for the Sacraments.

Harry and Dawn Harrison “came home for Christmas” last year and through the KIT programme became very involved in their Parish and in KIT itself. Since joining the Diocesan Team, they have worked on the new website and newsletter and are currently designing a new KIT logo.

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KIT Workshops

Several workshops have been held since our last newsletter in May including those at Stroud, Bagshot and Wimbledon. The first Pastoral Area to hold a workshop will be the 3 Rivers in Chandlers Ford on November 8th. Why not ask your Pastoral Area leadership team to invite us to do a KIT workshop?

Returners meet Bishop Crispian



On June 7th, 10 KIT returners were invited to Portsmouth Cathedral to meet Bishop Crispian at the Diocesan day for new Catholics where he shared something of his own faith journey. The day, which ended with a joyful Mass, proved once more to our returners how much they had been missed and how 'Welcome Home' they are.

The Come Home for Christmas campaign will run again this year. Every parish will be invited to make contact with its non-church going parishioners.

Posters and leaflets for Catholics who have lost touch will be made available on enquiries@kit4catholics.org.uk



"My house mate left a KIT group invitation card on the coffee table. Something told me it was the right time to go back to church, after many years. I was so touched at how I was welcomed back, and now realise how much I missed out on the support of God and his helpers for so many years. I cannot thank God enough".

By a returner



Back to Church

The Church of England is running a most successful project which attracted 15% more members to attend church regularly. 3,000 churches are involved and international statistics indicate that 20,000 people came back last year once, with 3,000 now attending regularly. Their success comes from personal invitations to accompany and give lifts to would-be churchgoers. We are 'keeping in touch' with them - see www.backtochurch.org.uk

An Idea: This Christmas, bring a leafless bush into church and invite parishioners to tie a yellow ribbon in the branches for their non- churchgoing loved ones.



PRAYER is essential for the success and growth of KIT and for those involved in this ministry, but even more importantly, for those non churchgoing Catholics who live in our communities.

New copies of the KIT prayer have now been made with a slight alteration; substituting 'we' instead of 'I' throughout, see right. If you would like some prayer cards to distribute to parishioners, including your housebound and prayer groups, please contact us.

"Lord

*We offer you our seeking; show us the way
We offer you our doubts; lead us to trust in
you*

*We offer you our hurts; heal us
We offer you our fears; give us hope
We offer you our loneliness; welcome us
We offer you our minds; grant us
understanding*

*We offer you our hearts; warm us with love
We offer you our journey; lead us home,
Where we can live in your justice,
peace and love"*