

John had been away from the Church for some years, but having recently become a father, decided he wished to have his child baptized as a Catholic. He found an article about KIT on his local parish website, contacted the parish KIT representative, attended a series of KIT Group Meetings and now attends Sunday Mass every week. He and his newly baptized child are now very much part of the parish community.



Bill and Janet had not been living in the area for very long and attended Church from time to time. They saw a KIT Information evening advertised in the parish Christmas card and came along. Due to various reasons they were unable to commit to a series of regular group meetings, but said how much they appreciated the warmth of the welcome extended to them by the parish KIT group and that it made them feel more a part of the parish community. The KIT group continues to keep in regular touch with them.

New KIT website now live!

Issue 5 announced the forthcoming relaunch of the KIT website, using updated technology to produce a 'user-friendly' site. Thanks to the tremendous work of Anthony Kirke, assisted by Jane Taylor, the new KIT website is up and running and provides visitors with information about the KIT ministry, how to set up a KIT Group or become a Prayer Sponsor, as well as advice from the Team. There is also a page for returning Catholics, explaining how KIT can help them come back to their Faith.

The new website can be found on www.kit4catholics.org.uk



New logo

At the top of this newsletter, you can see our new KIT logo. The logo cleverly combines the KIT acronym with the full title which is important at this stage where we are promoting awareness of the programme within the parishes. The two characters at either side were designed by a couple on the KIT programme who say they portray what KIT means to them.

THE KIT PRAYER

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.

AMEN



Marie writes: "After moving to a new area, I was away from the Church for a while. One day I found my nearest parish on the website and joined. Within days I received a visit from a member of the KIT team. Now I am at Mass every Sunday and feel so happy to be part of this warm and welcoming community"



At a recent KIT workshop, a woman gave testimony as to how being part of a KIT Group not only eased the return of her and her husband's return to church after years of absence but also helped them to get to know fellow parishioners and become active members of their church. As part of the musical liturgy group and welcomers, this husband and wife found their way back to their faith with the support of KIT.

KIT Workshop News



HAMPSHIRE DOWNS Pastoral area invited KIT to present a workshop in February in preparation for an ecumenical area mission after Easter. Since then their newly-formed KIT Group have met for 4 training sessions and are now preparing to welcome returning Catholics.

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LEWISHAM DEANERY welcomed 60 participants from 7 local churches to a KIT evening workshop as part of its discernment into the way forward in 2010.

Home Mission News

Home Mission Sunday will be on Sunday, 20th September 2009. The following Sunday, 27th is the Anglican Church's 'Back to Church Sunday'. See the KIT website in July for ideas on how to celebrate these two events.



Monica Chmelova

The KIT Diocesan Team are delighted to welcome Monica Chmelova, who replaces Kate Harris as the Portsmouth Diocesan representative at their monthly meetings. Monica is the Advisor for Catechesis and Adult Formation for the Diocese and, as KIT works in many ways within the realm of Adult Formation, her support will be very valuable. Teresa Keogh, Advisor for Stewardship and Collaborative Ministry, also joins their meetings from time to time.