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Housegroups in the New Year

Dear Parishioner

The Christian life is full of new beginnings but the start of a new calendar year brings its own special opportunities. Many people have said how much they have enjoyed and gained from the Preparing for Christmas groups we held in November and December. As a result of these, our Way Ahead Day in November and numerous conversations, we will be organising in January at least 2 different midweek groups which will meet fortnightly initially for 8 sessions*. One of these will be a 'Christian basics' group providing a chance to explore the fundamentals of the Christian faith. This will cater for anyone wanting to know more about Christianity or any adult wishing to explore Confirmation or simply anyone wanting a refresher course. There will also be at least one Bible study /housegroup which will look together at one of the New Testament letters and explore its relevance for today.

I am writing now to everyone on the electoral roll inviting them to sign up for a group. I hope very much we can offer a suitable time to all those who would like to be involved in a small group which many Christians today find is one of the most effective way of growing spiritually.

If you would like to come along to one of the groups, please fill in the form below and return to the Rectory or to Peter or me in church as soon as possible but by December 28th at the latest, so we can sort out times and venues that suit as many people as possible. We are hoping this time to assign people to a group which will have some continuity though we do not expect everyone to attend all the sessions.

With prayers and good wishes

Ann

**provisional dates: Jan 10th and 11th, Jan 24th and 25th, Feb 7th and 8th(tbc)*

Please return to the Rectory by 28th Dec

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Name _____

Address and email _____

Phone no _____

I would like to attend a* *Christian Basics/Bible Study* group in the New Year

I would prefer **Tuesday/Wednesday evening or Tuesday/Wednesday daytime*

I would like to host a group * *Yes/No*

**delete as appropriate*