

# House Groups

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Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church of Scotland



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# INTRODUCTION

Revd Scott S. McKenna

**J**esus is alive! The Lord is risen! This is the most monumental fact in the history of the universe. It towers above the big bang and the immensity of the ever-expanding universe. The stars and the planets do not know that they exist. We know that we exist and in Jesus Christ God comes to humanity to redeem us, offer healing for our brokenness and promises us eternal life, life lived in communion with God. There is no higher goal, no greater cause and no pursuit more meaningful than seeking God. To seek God, reach out to Him with our hearts and push the concepts our intellect can barely hold together is worthy of our whole life's effort. At their best, HOUSE GROUPS can help individuals to deepen their faith, expand their understanding of the gospel and further fellowship within a local church. House Groups are not for everyone, but nominalism in one's life of faith is for no one. Jesus did not call free-loaders!

If you are not already part of the house groups running in Mayfield Salisbury, then why not use this opportunity to develop your personal faith or as a means of becoming more involved in the life of Mayfield Salisbury.

Members of Mayfield Salisbury who are already members of house groups sing of the merits of their groups: 'helpful,' 'educational,' 'good for me and my faith' and a lot of laughs!



# OUR HOUSE GROUPS

Below you will find a list containing details of our House Groups.

If you are thinking about joining a group, read through the list and descriptive paragraph to find a group that best suits your interests. They are all different - some large and some smaller - studying various books or the Bible.

When you have decided which group interests you, ring the contact person who will gladly give you more details.

If you are not sure and would like some help, please contact me, Jenny McCallum, on 667 2888 / [Ijmccallum@tesco.net](mailto:Ijmccallum@tesco.net) or the Revd Scott McKenna on 667 1286 / [Scottsmckenna@aol.com](mailto:Scottsmckenna@aol.com).

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## Monday Evening Group 1

**Day:** Monday **Time:** 8pm - 10pm

**Frequency:** Fortnightly

**Contact:** Jenny McCallum on 667 2888

**Location:** Members homes.

**Space for new members:** Sufficient at present but worth enquiring.

**About:** There are eleven of us meeting once a fortnight, going to different homes. We are a relaxed group emphasizing fellowship. We choose Bible based books to study and discuss. These discussions are wide ranging, sometimes serious sometimes lighthearted. At the moment we are studying St John's Gospel.

## Monday Evening Group 2

**Day:** Monday **Time:** from 7.30 pm

**Frequency:** Weekly

**Contact:** Diana Tudhope on 669 4819

**Location:** Members homes

**Space for new members:** Yes

**About:** We are a small group from varied backgrounds and churches and meet most Mondays from 7.30 pm in members' homes. Study material is selected by the group and includes books on Christian themes, attending lectures, discussions on topical issues, Bible Study, etc. Lively discussions - varied opinions! New members welcome.

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### Monday Evening Group 3

**Day:** Monday **Time:** 7.30 - 9.00

**Frequency:** Fortnightly

**Contact:** Burry Baxter on 667 8214

or [burryb@btinternet.com](mailto:burryb@btinternet.com)

**Location:** Members homes

**Space for new members:** Yes

**About:** We meet fortnightly at 7.30 - 9.00 in members homes. This means, of course, that we sometimes need to give each other lifts. At the moment there are 10 members, 2 gents and 8 ladies (usual attendance is about 7 or 8). We start our meetings with coffee and then discuss the book we are currently reading, with one of us leading the discussion, and someone else leading a closing prayer. Our recent books have been David Adam's *The Eye of the Eagle*, C S Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*, Cathie Galloway's *Sharing the Blessing*, and Richard Harries' *The Re-enchantment of Morality*

### Tuesday Afternoon Group

**Day:** Tuesday **Time:** 2.30 - 4.00

**Frequency:** Fortnightly

**Contact:** Kirstine Baxter on 667 8214

or [knbaxter@freeuk.com](mailto:knbaxter@freeuk.com)

**Location:** Members homes

**Space for new members:** Yes

**About:** We meet in a group member's home, which one being arranged at the previous meeting, and offer each other transport when necessary. The number of members is 9, but actual attendance is very variable as some of us are away quite frequently, a fact that we feel should not deter anyone from joining. We start with coffee / tea and a chat. Then we discuss one or two chapters of the book that we have currently chosen to read, the discussion being led by one of the group. Books read recently are Richard Holloway's *Godless Morality*, Gerard Hughes' *God of Surprises* and John Shelby Spong's *Jesus for the Non-Religious*. We then finish our meetings with prayer.



### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group**

**Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 10:30

**Frequency:** Fortnightly

**Contact:** Minnie Ford on 667 4646.

**Location:** Quiet Room of Church House

**Space for new members:** Yes

**About:** The meetings last for one hour. There are nine regular members. During the last two years the group has studied Philippians, Colossians and Revelation. The current topic is the book of Job.

### **Wednesday Afternoon Group**

**Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 2 - 3.30 pm

**Frequency:** Fortnightly

**Contact:** Mrs Rosemary Street on 664 4496

**Location:** Members homes

**Space for new members:** Yes

**About:** We meet every second Wednesday at 7:30 pm. We take turns to host the meeting.

We have six members

We are studying Cathy Galloway's book, *Imagining the Gospels*.

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## Thursday Evening House Group

**Day:** Thursday **Time:** 7:45 pm

**Frequency:** Weekly

**Contact:** Rosemary on 667 3806.

**Location:** 45 West Relugas Road or 28 Granby Road.

**Space for new members:** Yes

**About:** We meet on a Thursday evening either at 45 West Relugas Road or at 28 Granby Road.

We are a small group of 6 members meeting for bible study and discussion and would very much welcome new members.



## Thursday Evening House Group 2

**Day:** Thursday **Time:** 8:00pm

**Frequency:** Fortnightly to monthly

**Contact:** Dick or Jo Scott on 667 3386 or [richard@sand.myzen.co.uk](mailto:richard@sand.myzen.co.uk)

[Jo.scott@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:Jo.scott@ukonline.co.uk)

**Location:** Members' homes

**Space for new members:** possibly

**About:** Ours is a new house group, formed in early 2008. It doesn't have a name, or a leader, but it consists at the moment of nine persons. We take it in turns to act as host(s). We have read and discussed Richard Holloway's "Godless Morality" and are currently working on John Shelby Spong's "Jesus for the Non Religious". We are reading a classic novel, Turgenev's Fathers and Sons, and plan next to look at some devotional material. We have been meeting on Thursday evenings, at intervals of roughly two to four weeks.



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## Sunday Evening House Group

**Day:** Sunday **Time:** 8:00 pm

**Frequency:** Fortnightly to monthly

**Contact:** Christine Brown on 313 4399

**Location:** At the Browns(mainly) or other members.

**Space for new members:** Not at the moment.

**About:** We are pleased to welcome new members when there is space, but are at maximum 12(+) just now. We take turns in leading (when appropriate), discussing a variety of books, topics, articles & papers (and have even taken action when we have been moved to do so!). Over the years(22yrs) we have learned from visitors to Mayfield Salisbury from Australia, America, Norway and African countries about their church traditions. Coffee and biscuits while we gather at 8pm - finish by 10 pm ready for the week ahead. We have just finished *The Shack* by William Paul Young.

## Tell Scotland

**Day:** Varies **Time:** 10.30 am

**Frequency:** Fortnightly

**Contact person:-** Betty Findlay 87 Grange Loan EH9 2ED Tel 667 5442.

**Location:** Members homes

**Space for new members:** Not at present.

**About:** We don't have a name but we might be called "Tell Scotland" because our roots go back to that campaign

At the moment , we are six ladies mainly retired who meet in each others houses at 10.30 am. Dates are by mutual agreement- every fortnight approximately.

We have Bible Study, and have also looked at "Church Without Walls ", Diana Hendry's "Lilts". Scott's Sermons, and at the moment are reading "Godless Morality"

Our houses are not very large and so we don't feel able to accommodate new members at present . However, situations change so it would be worth while contacting us .

We usually have an annual outing - lunch party of some kind



# WHO'S WHO IN MAYFIELD SALISBURY

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