

**Beyond Church
Doing Life
Being Christ**

EBF Mission Conference

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1900 – 2030

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19th May

2nd June

16th June

**A Call to DO
LIFE alongside
people
beyond the
church**

To live life in the local neighbourhood, to be friends with those beyond the church and to join in with what God is already doing through his Holy Spirit

7 Underlying Principles



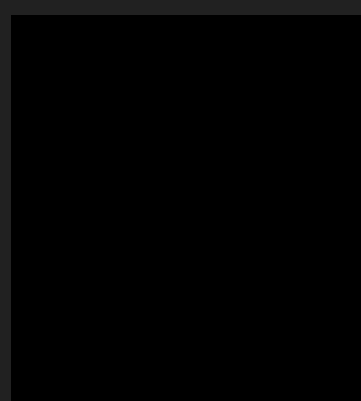
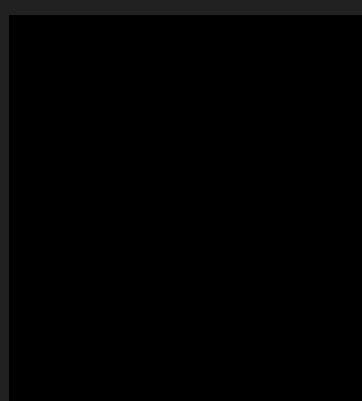
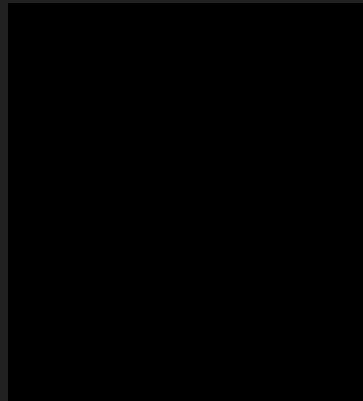
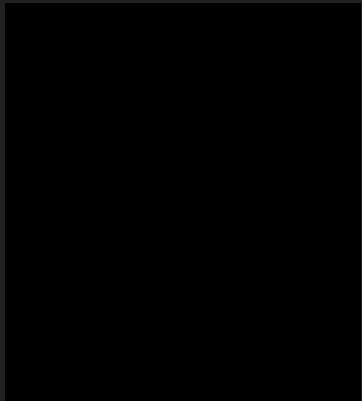
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Listen to God and the Community

‘I will tell you what to do through the community’

Joining in with the Holy Spirit

The time to talk about faith!

LISTEN



Listening to the community
Joining in with the Holy Spirit

Community said...

Toddler Group
Community Events
Youth Club
Halloween Party
Children's God Club
Nativity Play
Easter Story
Weekly Church Service



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Listening to God

Joining in with the Holy Spirit

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What is your word to this community?

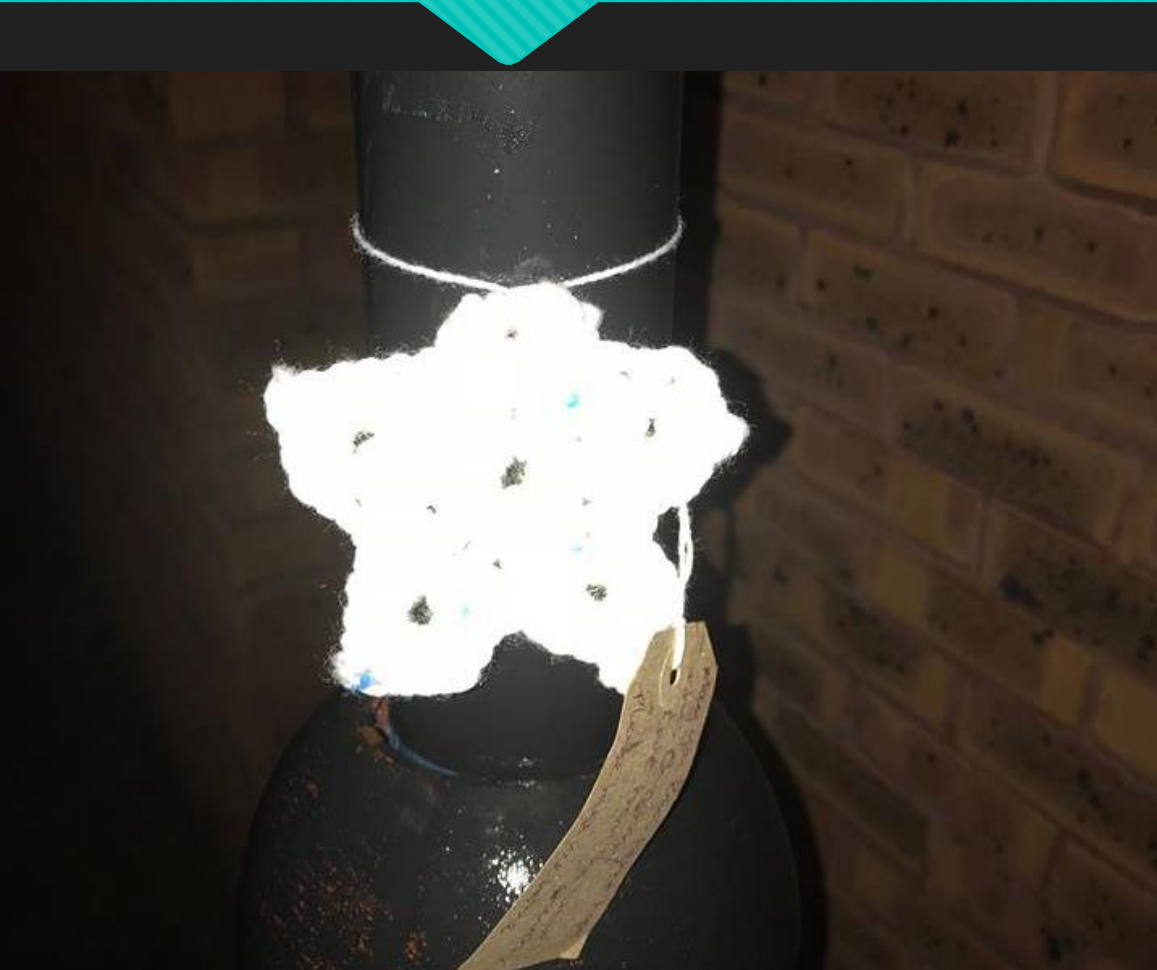
What's our sermon for the neighbourhood and how do we preach it?

Wash the Feet of the Community

Maundy Thursday
Pamper Night

Grew into regular
event

Yarn Bombing...God's Word Of Light & Hope



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Singing over the Neighbourhood



Prophetic Words and Healing



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COVID 19

- The underlying principles have stayed the same
- We are still listening to God and the community
- The activities look different – God is working in the same way!

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COVID 19

- Someone outside the church asked for a children's Bible story group
- Owen asked to do school assemblies, parents watching too
- People of other faiths in touch with us
- People have shared hardship - food hampers – pray and listen to God for each hamper
- Listening to a mum led to prayer after a toddler group on Zoom
- More natural for people to share and to pray virtually via text with those beyond the church

Breakout Groups

- How is God speaking to you through your local neighbourhood or community and showing where his Holy Spirit is at work?
- Where are you seeing God at work beyond the church and where are you joining in with Him?
- Does this look the same or different during Covid 19?

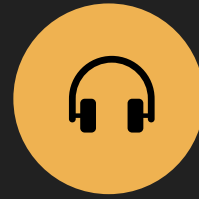
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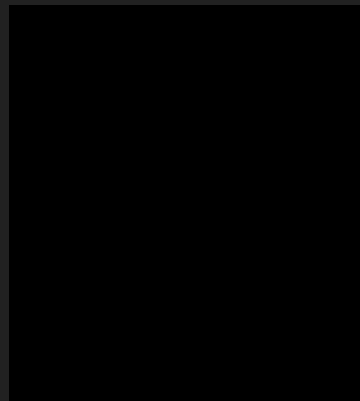
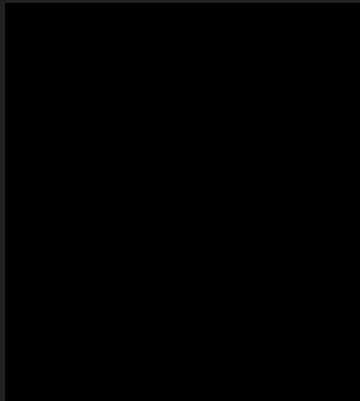
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MAKE
FRIENDS



Make Friends



Jesus said,
'I call you friends' John
15:15

Make Friends



- Jesus said, 'I call you friends'
Jn 15:15
- People share life with friends
not professionals
- I'm called to live my life as
friend who is a follower of
Jesus
- Modelling or embodying
Jesus' friendship

Make Friends



- Jesus said, 'I call you friends' Jn 15:15
- Jesus lived life closely with his friends
- Jesus friends weren't always easy!



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Make Friends



Covid 19

- The underlying principles have stayed the same
- We are still making friends beyond the church in our local community
- The activities look different – God is working in the same way!

Make Friends



Covid 19

- People contact us to talk about fears of Covid, lockdown and isolation
- Virtual Pamper Night
- Make friends/deepen friendship through Facebook – people have made contact and want support or friendship
- Socially acceptable just to text to ‘check in’ rather than with a reason, grows friendship
- Growing friendship has led to growing conversations about life and faith
- New people joining our Sunday Gathering - including those who are anxious
- New people being part of our Stowe FB Group and engaging in prayer & worship on line
- More people joining our Facebook reflections

Make Friends



- How are you sharing our lives and faith naturally with those beyond the church in your context? (Please share!)
- Do you think the church generally encouraging friendship or institutional distance?
- How is this easier or more difficult because of Covid 19? What are we learning?