

Atworth Independent Church

"It is time to seek the Lord" Hosea 10 v.12

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Report to the Atworth Parish Assembly 2014

When you look around at villages and hamlets of England at this time you will find many with only a C of E Church open, and that may be occasional. Whilst Atworth at one time had three chapels and a church we should be thankful the village still has two places of worship open for Christian Worship.

Since the resignation of our Pastor several years ago we have benefitted from numerous lay preachers from the area to lead our services as well as our own people leading mid week meetings. We are earnestly seeking another man to take over the Pastorate but find the main problem is finding suitable affordable property in the village to rent or buy.

We have been encouraged to see a few new faces at Sunday meetings. The monthly second Friday Coffee Stop or Soup Lunch continue to see people coming in not just for the coffee or soup but to listen to the variety of speakers and accomplished musicians who willingly come from various churches around. It is good to see folks come back month by month but there is still room for more. At the latest Coffee Stop those present listened in amazement at the story of a young man who escaped from the Asian tsunami on that fateful Boxing day a number of years ago. That life threatening incident began his pathway from drug addiction and life style to a greater salvation in Jesus Christ.

An additional service was started after Christmas being in the form of a café style "Songs of Praise" where we meet informally each fifth Sunday at 4.00pm, starting with a cup of tea around the tables then those present choose a hymn to sing. We conclude with further light refreshments.

We continue to be thankful to the members and friends for their financial support in the running of the chapel, for example just to have the doors open to the members of the public costs over ten pounds a week for insurance. Being in a prominent position we endeavour to keep the graveyards up together, but our overriding desire is to see more people attend and know for themselves the love of a wonderful Heavenly Father.

Thank you

Rodney Price – Secretary.