

The Café Church opened in February 2014, and since then has become a regular Church and Village activity, meeting on the second Sunday of the month from 10am to 12.30-ish in the Church.

From the outset it has been well supported, with an average of between 50 and 60 adults and children attending. It has raised the profile of the Church, and has sought to engage with the whole village community to which we belong.

The aim has always been to serve high quality food and drinks in a comfortable relaxed Café environment in the Houlton Room, with Sunday newspapers to read/discuss as people wish. All costs have been met by voluntary donations, and teams of volunteer helpers give freely of their time to set up tables, serve, and clear away. Other people from the Church provide fun things for children to do in the rest of the Church building; supervise craft activities and introduce a topic on a Christian theme. Older members from the Village Youth Club help with powerpoint projections/videos/ and music CD's, and they also help the younger children with their craftwork.

The Café Church Team is keen to keep the format lively, attractive and relevant, which is where you come in. There aren't many Sundays when we don't welcome new people who have not been to the Café Church before, and this is always a good sign. However, we need feedback. So, come along if you've not been already, and tell us what is your first impression; and for everyone- if you have ideas, give us constructive comments on how we could improve things. We will certainly listen and see what we can do. To show how flexible we can be, we hosted the Bell ringers when they launched the Church Bell Restoration Appeal, and provided space for a very friendly and informal infant baptism.

It's "Church" as you've probably not experienced it before, and on the whole it's been extremely well-received. We look forward to seeing more folk from the village come along; the bacon butties, homemade sausage rolls and real coffee are certainly worth the effort!