A blue-tinted photograph of a vast ocean under a cloudy sky. The text "1 John 4: 7-21" is centered in white.

1 John 4: 7-21



Preparing for Growth

The Body of Christ







God wants us to be
....fruitful

....much fruit

....fruit that will last

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Cheetahs never prosper.

GJCaulkins



Love one another, for love is from God

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CAKE

Community - sharing

Action - doing

Knowledge - understanding

Experience - feeling

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**What do we mean by
community?**

Why is community important?

1. God is community!

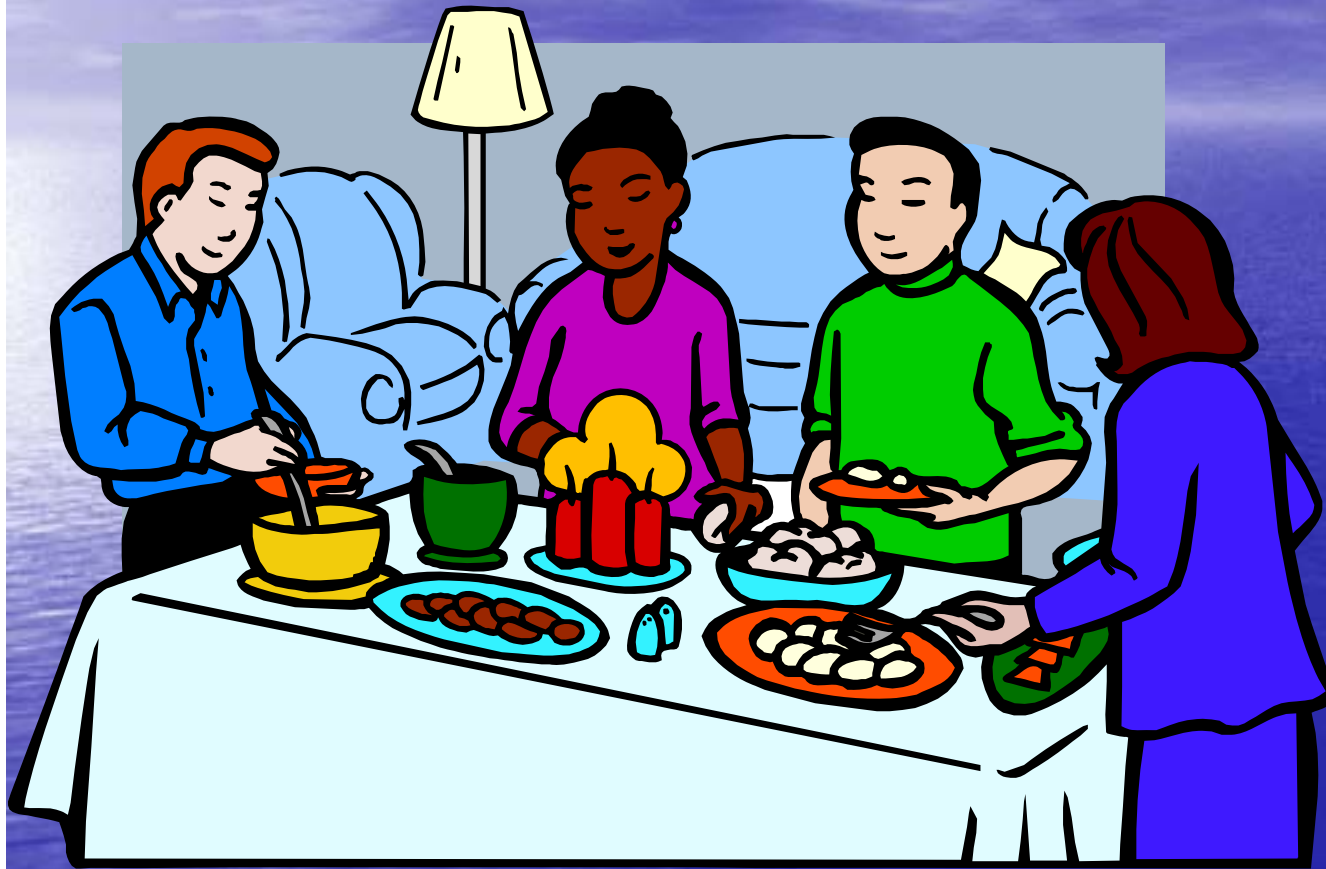
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Gen 1:1-3

Let us make man in our image, Gen 1:26

It is not good for man to be alone, I will
make a helper suitable for him, Gen 2:18

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Anyone else like to feast?



You are invited to a
Bring and Share
Lunch

Sunday 21st
September

Westgate School
Following Meeting

The Church is a wonderful community which will reach out and draw others in



It is made up of Jew & Gentile, male and female, slave and free

Knit together in love, full of the presence of the Holy Spirit - a new creation in the earth.

Community - a group of interdependent plants or animals growing together (OED)

Interdependent – not independent – every man is an island

Nor – dependent – relying on someone or something for financial or other support

But interdependent – like Paul writes in 1 Cor 12
One body – made up of many parts – no division
and all it's parts having equal concern for each other.

And growing together.

Not a static state of life, but
recognising that each of us are on a
spiritual journey.

None of us can say we have arrived.

Luke 2:52 - Jesus grew in wisdom and
stature, and in favour with God and
men.

Nearly all the ethical teaching in the NT is about
how we should act towards one another

Love one another



Be gentle to one another

Over 40 'one anothers'

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Our community is a temple of the Holy
Spirit



We are to be a city on a hill
that cannot be hid

And we have a totally new lifestyle

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We are kind to one another

We don't devour each other

We don't lie to each other

We speak the truth in love to one another

We build one another up in our most holy faith

Why? Because we are a special holy
people;

We are a royal priesthood;
a holy nation;
we are God's own people

And we have to help our damaged,
hurting society build people into
community

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**Slough is probably the
most multi-cultural
provincial town in Britain**

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The Church knows how to gather!

Forgive one another

Love one another

Have mercy on one another

Become part of the community

Those who accepted his message
were baptised, and about three
thousand were added to their
number that day. Acts 2:41

Not sent away to come back next
Sunday!

As people come into the
community of God they will take
on the family likeness

...you don't gossip

....you pay your bills

....you are loyal to each other

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We want to be a Spirit filled
community

Our life together is to be filled to
overflowing with the Holy Spirit –
to develop our Godliness within
the community of the Church





1 John 3:16 - 24



1st Birthday

Tuesday 14th October

Dinner

7pm Shazhad
Restaurant – TBC

£7.95/head

Bring your friends &
anyone who has ever
come to River Church
Slough



BIG SUNDAY Funday

9th November – Church Launch

7th December – Public Launch



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Midweek Meetings

SMG – 19:30 every Wednesday Floating Venue
– see Tom or Mike Slough

Ladies Teaching Group – Thursday evenings
– see Mary Porter

Prayer Group - Friday's at Aileen's

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Oasis

Monthly meeting at Windsor Hall for 50+
from across the congregations
3rd Thursday every month



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Midweek Meetings



Freedom In Christ Ministries



Tuesday Evening at 19:45 starting at
Warren & Jocelyn's house on 21st Sept

Please register your interest

The logo for Jesusculture features a large blue cross on the left, followed by the word "jesusculture" in a blue, lowercase, rounded font. To the right of the text is a black and white close-up of a woman's face, looking slightly to the side. The background of the logo is a dark, textured pattern.

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YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND

3 - 5, OCTOBER 2008

With Banning Leibscher, Chris Quilala & Kim
Walker

And a team from Bethel Church, Redding,
California

At Westgate School

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Magnet Leisure Centre, Maidenhead

11 – 13th November 2008



2009 - Weekend Holiday
together?

What's Church all about?

- It's all about Jesus
- A place to experience the presence of God
- To receive afresh of His love
- And to share His love with others

It's a piece of cake really!

Who will you give some to?