Generosity Fika on the Roseland

"A what?" was the usual response to my suggestion that someone signed up for our Generosity Fika. I got a much better response when I asked folk to bake a cake, of which we thankfully had plenty. But then, how would you describe our time together? Baking cakes is a known activity, exploring a part of discipleship that, whilst right at the heart of God, seems to be rarely explored felt more unusual.

That's a pity because we had a great time considering what the Bible has to say about this important topic. I wonder if people think that if you talk about generosity there will inevitably be an expectation that you have to increase your giving to the church? Generosity is in the nature of God so of course it includes our finances, but it includes our whole lives and that's the context in which our monetary giving should be considered.

This was movingly demonstrated by real life accounts of people around the world living lives full of generosity. These came to us via three well made video clips. To be frank, if all that we had done was to watch those we would have had an informative and challenging day. We actually had more than that. Apart from the Biblical teaching, we discussed our responses to the videos and each of us drew up our own Generosity Web that helped us review our whole lives in the light of what we had explored together. And of course, there was cake!

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GENEROSITY FIKA
for all churches on the Roseland

fika (*fee-ka*) SWEDISH: noun or verb
a moment of quality time to savour with others,
accompanied by hot beverage and cakes

Enjoy conversation, coffee and cake! A 'FIKA' explores God's generosity through the Bible and around the world. Using films, articles and activities and allowing reflection and discussion, this relaxed time will help us to cultivate the abundant, generous life God desires for us.

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Tregony Church Hall
Saturday 9th September
9:00am (for 9:30 start) - 1:00pm
followed by a bring & share lunch