

Sens Kernewek is a community of women and men exploring a call to local church leadership.

It is designed to be a group in which we learn together and discern together.

The content of our learning and the way we learn will be coherent with the model of leadership we are working towards in Sens Kernewek.

Everything we do will be based on the description of the very earliest church in Acts 2:42, who 'devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer'.



# **ACTS 2:42 EACH EVENING**

Sens Kernewek will meet approximately fortnightly during term time on Monday and/or Wednesday evenings between 6:30pm - 9:15pm.

Each evening will be based around the four habits described in Acts 2:42:

- The Apostles Teaching We read scripture prayerfully together (sometimes called 'dwelling in the Word') reading Mark's gospel from beginning to end (see attached sheet for the reading plan).
- The breaking of bread We eat together. A simple evening meal will be provided each time we meet.
- The fellowship We learn together about leading the local church community and we do so as a community.
- The prayers We pray together with and for one another, and for our church communities

## **ACTS 2:42 THROUGH THE YEAR**

Session 1: Introduction: Acts 2:42-47

To include welcomes, introductions to each other and to Sens Kernewek

Sessions 2-4: The Apostles' Teaching

What and why the Church believes

Sessions 5-7: The Breaking of Bread

Worship in Church and in life

Sessions 8-10: The Fellowship

The nurture and calling of the Church

Sessions 11-13: The Prayers

Being a believing community

Session 14: Celebration

# **ACTS 2:42 EACH EVENING**

#### 1. The Apostles' Teaching (Sessions 2, 3 and 4)

What and why the Church believes

Session 2. Who Jesus is and why he matters

Session 3. The O.T. God - Creator, Covenant, Community

Session 4. The Spirit of Life

### 2. The Breaking of Bread (Sessions 5, 6 and 7)

Worship in Church and in life

Session 5. The Call to Worship - Idolatry and devotion

Session 6. The Community at Worship - Services and Service

Session 7. We break bread together

### 3. The Fellowship (Sessions 8,9 and 10)

The nature and calling of the Church

Session 8. What is Church?

Session 9. The Church in Mission: Why and How?

Session 10. Living with Difference

### 4. The Prayers (Sessions 11, 12 and 13)

Being a believing Community

Session 11. Growing Confidence in Christ - For myself
Session 12. Growing Confidence in Christ - For others
Session 13. Listening to God, one another and community

### 5. Celebration (Session 14)

Session 14. Giving thanks for all that has been and welcoming all

that will be.

# **BEYOND THE EVENING SESSIONS**

Alongside the work done when we meet, participants will be asked to:

- 1. Develop a rule of life.
- Read a book of the Bible they have not read before (or not for a while).
- 3. Towards the end of the course, begin writing a draft Working Agreement for their leadership role in their local church community.

## **AFTER SENS KERNEWEK**

Sens Kernewek is a learning and discerning community.

During our time together we will encourage and support participants to explore the call God may have on their life.

By the end of our time together we hope group members will be commissioned as local church leaders. Some will decide to explore a further calling as a Reader or to ordained ministry.

We are working with the local ministry training courses to find creative and flexible ways for this further training to be available.







