

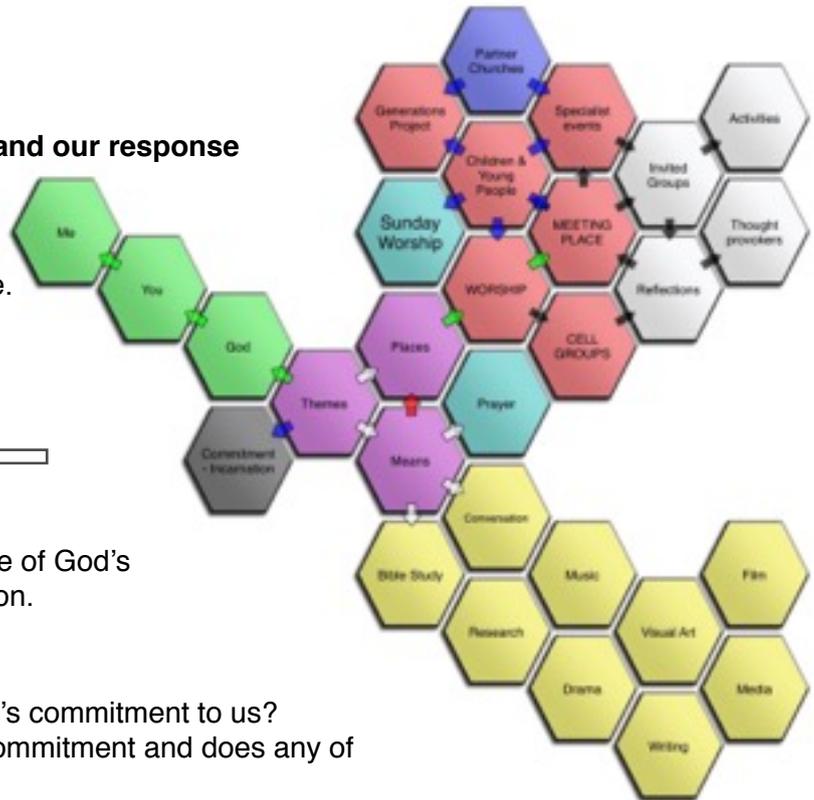
CELL GROUPS

November 2015 - January 2016

Exploring the Incarnation

- God's commitment to his creation and our response

It would be good if Cell Groups could give some time to discussing how they may wish to explore this theme. Also, how it might feed into wider opportunities in other places or through specially organised events.



The message of the Incarnation (Christmas) is, above all else, a message of God's commitment to his people and his creation.

GREEN

How do we learn of and experience God's commitment to us? Within society where do we recognise commitment and does any of this reflect God? What commitments do we have and how do they teach us of God's commitment to us?

YELLOW

We will naturally make use of Bible Study and our conversations to help us explore these things, but can we use other means? Research - the Cinnamon Audit of faith action in Solihull and across the country offers a picture of commitment beyond self-interest. What stories can be found and shared (writing, drama, film) that lead us to an understanding of commitment? Are there instances we have read in magazines or the newspapers? Reflections - on our own commitments, what motivates them and what they seek to fulfil. These could be shared.

RED

Give time to draw some of this together with worship in mind. Advent Sunday (29th November) is a 5th Sunday when Cell Groups are invited to contribute (as individuals or as a group). This weekend also marks the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris, so we could explore 'Our share in God's commitment to his creation' in some way.

Are there ways in which this theme and issues can be explored in other settings?

- Generations - the causes people have supported through their life-time.
- The Young - making promises - those who are committed to you - causes to support
- Meeting Place - display on the theme - thought provokers on cards

PLEASE SHARE

I begin to sense that the Cell Groups have a sort of 'hidden life' within the life of our church. While we wish to respect confidentiality where appropriate, we do need to identify ways in which the life of Cell Groups can enrich and inspire the wider church membership.

The display boards at the back of the church are begging to be filled with inspirational material, which will also be seen by others using the premises.