



Rose & Crown Connect Group Report

The Connect group which meets at Rose & Crown House met for the first three months of 2020 up until the beginning of the first lockdown.

The group was unable to meet during lockdown on electronic platforms because a number of our members did not have the technology to do so. We kept in touch with each other on the phone.

When restrictions eased in the summer of 2020 and up to six people were allowed to meet indoors we began meeting again as our number is only 5. On odd occasions when there was more than one other person in the house (apart from those of us in the group) we met in the church room so as to stay within the rules. The Rose & Crown Group was formed when the group left from the old Rectory Group split in mid 2018 to allow some of its members to join the new group at the Beehive.

The Rose & Crown Group in its current form started in 2018 and has grown from four to five members overall. In 2018 the numbers swelled to six during 2018 but then went back to four when a couple who had joined us stopped worshipping in the parish. The group continued to meet as a foursome until, as a result of the Pentecost Prayer week in 2019, a new member joined us and she is still one of us.

Throughout the Pandemic we met in person when we were allowed to and at other times have kept in touch by phone.

We all enjoy studying the Bible and found the studies based on the weekly sermons gave us something to really get our teeth into. We followed a very good Study on 1 Peter and also the revisit of the Fruitfulness on the Frontline course. We pray together for others and for each other, even when we can't meet physically. So the pandemic has had an impact on us insofar as we have not been able to meet physically for much of the time but we are a close, supportive group.