

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

God the Holy Spirit – Prayer

1. The Biblical model for prayer is fairly consistently that we pray to the Father through Jesus the Son and in or by the Holy Spirit. Is this your model for prayer? Why / Why not?
2. Why is the Holy Spirit worshipped in the Nicene Creed as ‘The Lord, the Giver of Life’? You may want to look at Genesis 2:7; Ezekiel 36:25-26; John 3:3-8; 1 John 2:29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1,4,18.
3. Jesus says that it is to our advantage that he has gone away so that he might send another Helper (The Holy Spirit) in John 16:7. What is the good news here about Jesus absence? You may want to look at passages such as John 14:23; 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19. In what sense has Jesus not left us?
4. The implications of this are that all of life is lived within the presence of God who individually indwells his people by his spirit. How might this help you in your prayer life?
5. How do you think God heard Jesus prayers throughout his earthly life and ministry? You may like to look at Hebrews 5:7 or John 11:42 or the voice at Jesus baptism or transfiguration. Is this different to how you imagine God hearing your prayers?
6. The Holy Spirit is how Jesus is present with us all our days – not bodily – but by his indwelling Spirit. It is this same Spirit that enables us to call upon God in the same way that Jesus did-Abba, Father (Romans 8:15 ; Galatians 4:4-7). How does that encourage you to pray?
7. How will the Holy Spirit enable you to pray like a Son of God? How can you talk to our Father in Heaven as if you are Jesus Christ?
8. The Holy Spirit is at work within you to increasingly become like the Lord Jesus. How does his transforming presence encourage you to pray about your own Christ likeness? How does the Spirit’s work encourage you to pray for you Christian brothers and sisters?