

THE LANTERN GROUP - 2011

Formerly known by the rather cumbersome title of Ignatian Spirituality in South East Scotland, the renamed Lantern Group is an ecumenical group who meet about once a month for mutual support, prayer and a shared meal. These gatherings have been much valued by members of the group, who have all undertaken some training in spiritual accompaniment. Our aim is therefore to offer ourselves as a resource for churches and the community. During the year we have offered the following:

- ✓ Guided reflection of various kinds for groups. This year members of the group were invited to lead a series of Lent reflections in Whitekirk which introduced participants to the Ignatian way of prayer.
- ✓ Spiritual direction or accompaniment for individuals.
- ✓ Occasional Quiet Days organised by the group. During the year we have put on three Quiet days in Haddington, in January, June and November. Whilst, up till now, these have been held in Haddington, we are open to holding them in other locations.
- ✓ Occasional Events with a gifted visiting speaker. We have approached Margaret Silf, for example, but have put this plan on hold for the time so as not to clash with the event run by the Epiphany Group.

One of the most important events for the group itself was a day of reflection on Holy Island in July when we spent time discerning the purpose and direction of the group. Out of that came the sense that we are open to grow, but that we would like to be able to do that gradually and organically. We are therefore open, in due course, to dividing should numbers make that advisable.

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