

Harborough Churches Together 2017 AGM

Rural Mission Report

(a) Work around Market Harborough

During the past twelve months, the periodic gatherings of leaders from rural churches has lapsed. It is hoped to see this recommencing shortly. I have provided advice and support to village churches in the locality when invited.

(a) Work *from* the town

From my home office, two significant rural mission aspects are administered.

Rural Mission Solutions provides a range of services to support rural churches in mission. One of these is arranging and leading one-day regional rural mission consultations. One was recently held at the invitation of the Diocese of Chelmsford. 27 church leaders attended. Feedback was extremely positive. It is planned to hold a similar event based in Market Harborough later in 2017.

Another aspect of this organisation is a series of webinars. These are free 45-minute online seminars that are attracting a growing audience. Topics include seasonal ideas for mission (we recently held one focused on the summer), sharing faith with friends, mission through prayer, does our image hinder our mission, and more. These are not exclusively of value to rural churches and anyone may register to attend.

More information is on the website at www.RuralMissionSolutions.org.uk

The Rural Evangelism Network brings together representatives of denominations at national and intermediate level, and representatives of mission and resourcing agencies. Its aim is to encourage rural evangelism in appropriate ways through sharing experience and insight across the UK.

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