

Mission Shaped Ministry Notes

(by John Dowman & Jill Marsh)

To help churches to imagine a different future and reaching out in different ways.

Alikened to a map and a satnav. It was decided to put roads, buildings, churches, public toilets, pubs, etc. on the maps. Satnav can find all these until they go wrong.

Many churches have tried and tested maps and yet we live in an environment where we are trying to navigate through an electronic age and trying to engage and develop churches to look at people who aren't part of a church.

They may have had a meaningful experience of church.

What would church look like if we looked at something new and different ways of looking at church?

The Course – 'Mission Shaped Ministry' – who are looking at something new. What is Church?

Attending the course will educate you on what other Christians are doing.

It is not just for existing Christians to attend but to encourage others as well.

It is hoped to start this in autumn 2016 to start listening to the satnav way and be happy to rely on it.

It is proposed to do this course in Market Harborough and it is being asked for CTH to support this. It would be tailor-made to meet the needs in the town and for the needs of the people who may attend.

QUESTIONS:

- Q.** Keith Rugg asked how would we ensure that people are secure in their Christianity to encourage others and have the ability to translate God's message to be comfortable to take away the 'map' and look at using the 'satnav' way?
- A** MSM attracts people to be involved from references from CTH people and to see people grow in their faith through the course.
- Q.** Donald Clinton-Smith asked whether it would be difficult to run a course with varying ages?
- A** The course would be tailored to meet whatever is asked for.

MD thanked John & Jill for their report and asked them to stay in touch through the Ministers to give more information.