

"We now have a New Wine Lay Leaders Core Group being set up in the East Midlands Area. It is being convened by Portia Newling, a Reader in the Southwell & Nottingham Diocese. Her e-mail address is [portianewling@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:portianewling@hotmail.co.uk); Tel 0115 9756092. Meetings will take place at St Marks Bestwood Village, NG6 8UU at 7.30pm on the following Tuesdays:  
2011: 6th Sept, 18th Oct, 29th Nov  
2012: 10th Jan, 21st Feb, 27th March, 15th May, 26th June

The meetings will typically allow for some social time, then some discussion based on the New Wine Core Group Leaflet. Finally there will be significant time given to praying for one another.

Core Groups are the means by which church leaders in the New Wine Network can enter into a mutual mentoring relationship with other like-minded leaders. Each Core Group consists of a small group of 5-6 leaders, meeting regularly to support one another in their personal and leadership development. Accountability and transparency are key values, and a high level of commitment to the group is expected. Although each group will usually have a leader to facilitate the group, they are intended to function through mutual mentoring, with time devoted to personal input for each individual. The New Wine 'Core Group' leaflet has been developed as a resource to support the Core Groups, containing a number of questions to encourage openness and discussion, such as:

- Walking with God: When did I last study the Scriptures for personal use, and what did God reveal?
- Developing Character: How am I still experiencing pleasure and fun?
- Growing in Leadership: What am I doing to identify and develop other leaders?
- Living out Kingdom values: Would I want to join my church if I were not the leader? If not, what do I need to bring about that change?"