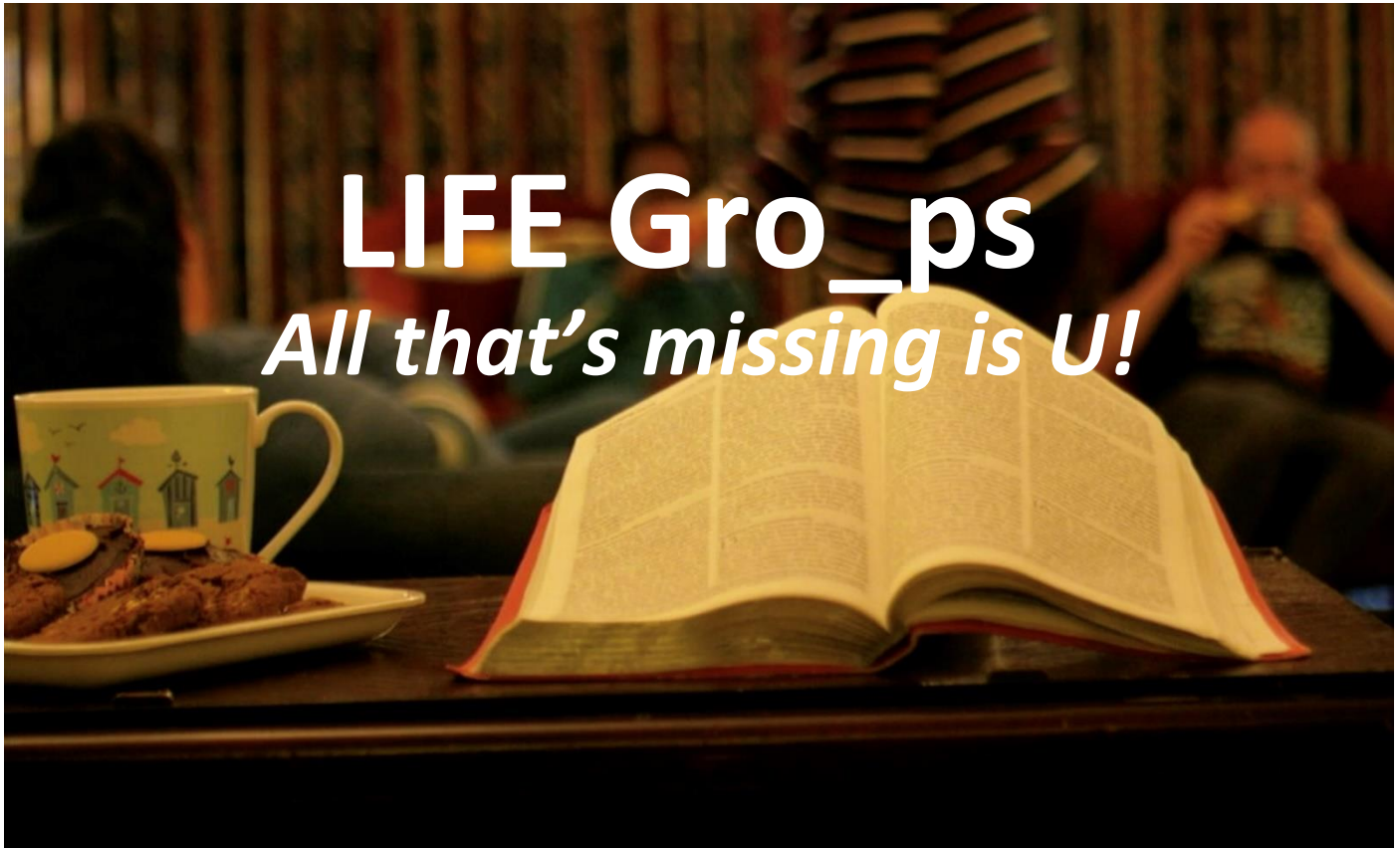




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**LIFE Gro\_ps**

*All that's missing is U!*

LIFE (Living In Faith Everyday) Groups are for disciples of Jesus and provide a framework for intentionally walking together as disciples and encouraging each other to grow in maturity through trusting and obeying Jesus Christ. LIFE Groups meet weekly for a commitment of 10 months. The meetings consist of applied Bible study, prayer, and fellowship, through which members are equipped to live out the Christian faith in our homes, schools, and workplaces.

## The 2023-24 LIFE Group leaders and their meeting days, times, and locations are as follows:



**Gary and Judith Hamilton (co-leader O'Brian Campbell):** Gary and Judith have been attending Union Baptist for about 18 years and leading a Home Group for 2 years. The ethos of our group has formed around the idea of how to apply God's Word to our lives each and

every day, especially when we are at our most vulnerable.

**Day:** Sunday **Time:** 12:00-1:00 pm **Place:** The Hub

**Roger and Judy Pantridge:** We are long-standing members of Union Baptist Church and have each served in various roles during this time. We live in Hazlemere and have led a Home Group for over 15 years. We are looking forward to becoming LIFE Group leaders and to the opportunities that this will present when, as we meet for

regular Bible study and prayer, we will seek to encourage and support one another as we live out God's Word in our lives.

**Day:** Monday **Time:** 7:45 pm for 8:00-9:30 pm

**Place:** Prestwood





**Pete and Wendy Montague:** Apart from three years serving at Totteridge Baptist Church between 2018 and 2020, we have been members at Union Baptist Church for nearly five decades. Central to our growth as a fellowship has been the faithful preaching of God's Word and the application of this in small groups as

we encourage each other to practically live out our faith. Having previously led a Home Group, we love the prayer, study, and fellowship that is so important to each of us as we grow in the Lord Jesus together.

**Day:** Tuesday **Time:** 10:30 am-12 noon **Place:** The Hub

**Anthony and Chris Croft (co-leader Sarah Atwell):** Members of Union Baptist Church for 37 years, we have been leading a LIFE Group since January 2023. We have seen how God has moved through our LIFE Group over these months and are excited by the opportunity to encourage each other to serve as disciples on our 'frontlines'. We look forward to seeing Jesus build up his followers and their connections to each other as we meet weekly to study God's Word, pray together, and intentionally seek to apply it to our daily lives.



**Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 7:45-9:30 pm

**Place:** Various locations in High Wycombe and Marlow

**Olie Wallbank (co-leader Cathy**

**McNerney):** I have been a member of Union Baptist Church for over 20 years, having grown up in the fellowship as a child and young person. I have seen the goodness of God in his faithfulness and relentless love in my life. Home Groups have been a wonderful source of support over the years, through both fellowship and delving into the Word of God. I am excited to see the LIFE Group structure encourage deeper engagement with the scriptures and a commitment to discipling each other.



**Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 7:30-9:00 pm **Place:** The Hub



**Paul and Linda Farncombe:** We have been members of Union for the past 30 years or so and have been involved in a number of Home Groups during that time, but this will be our first experience of leading a LIFE Group. We previously worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators overseas and in

the UK. Linda has also worked as a Health Visitor but we are both now retired. Linda is involved in the Women's Prayer Group and Paul leads services at a number of smaller local Baptist churches from time to time. In our spare time Paul enjoys doing Parkrun and Linda attends a weekly Pilates class.

**Day:** Thursday **Time:** 7:30-9 pm

**Place:** Various locations in Totteridge

## LIFE Groups with a special focus



**Young Adults Group led by Tim Feeney:** I'm convinced that the Christian life is something we need to do together, and LIFE Groups are a brilliant, practical way of doing that. As we navigate a world where everything seems detached and suspended in mid-air, we need as much as ever to set our feet on

the firm foundation of the Bible, especially its central Gospel message, which God will use to change us. Our group meets to redirect our focus on the voice of God, so that we bring every aspect of our lives under His will.

**Day:** Thursday **Time:** 7:30-9 pm **Place:** The Hub

### **Women's Group led by Jenny**

**Rooke:** I have been a member of Union Baptist Church for 13 years and, with my husband, have been leading a Home Group for nearly 3 years. I am excited by the changes being introduced through the LIFE Group structure and feel called to lead a women-only group this year. I

look forward to seeing Jesus build up his followers and their connections to Him and each other as we meet weekly to study God's Word and intentionally seek to apply it to our daily lives.

**Day:** Wednesday **Time:** 11 am-1 pm

**Place:** Central High Wycombe



## LIFE Groups with a special focus (cont'd)



**Parents' Group led by Luis and Salome Hidalgo:** Our LIFE Group is open to couples or singles with children of primary and early secondary age. We meet for Bible study, prayer and mutual encouragement on Thursday evenings from 7:45- 9:00. We alternate between men and women

gathering to facilitate childcare and to enable us to apply God's Word to our unique situations as men and women. We also meet as families at least once every half term to enjoy coffee and cake on a Saturday afternoon. On a personal note, we have three children aged 11, 9 and 5 and we have been members of Union Baptist church for three years. We have been leading a Home Group for the last two years.

**Day:** Thursday **Time:** 7:45-9:00 pm

**Place:** Various locations in High Wycombe

## The Grow/Know Course

**For new believers, newcomers to UBC, or if you feel like your faith has become a bit routine**, before you join a LIFE Group, we encourage you to join the 'Grow/Know' course.

New believers often find getting to grips with the Christian life quite daunting. And many of us who have been Christians a while longer feel we're stuck in a rut, or that our faith has become a routine. Going to church, reading the Bible, praying to God and living Christ's way can so easily become things we do dutifully, or don't do at all.

This 10-week course is in two parts. In the first 5 weeks, we'll discover what growing as a Christian really means and how it happens. In the second 5 weeks, we'll seek to know God better by exploring key truths about Him as well as the central beliefs of the Christian faith and how they make sense of our world and our lives.



**The Grow/Know course will be led by Sheena and Mark Dykes:** We have led or been involved in small groups for about forty years, ranging from Home Groups to Alpha and Christianity Explored groups that help people to find and grow their faith. We believe it is important to keep things down-to-

earth so that everyone feels comfortable enough to contribute no matter what stage they are at. We are looking forward to leading the 'Grow/Know' course.

**Day:** Wednesday 7:30-9 pm

**Place:** The Hub

## **For Seekers**

**If you are a seeker** and haven't yet made up your mind about following Jesus but would like to explore the Christian faith more, mentors are available to meet with you on an individual basis. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Cathy McNerney: [cjmcnerney@gmail.com](mailto:cjmcnerney@gmail.com).

**Sign-up will take place between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September.  
Groups will begin to meet during the week of 25<sup>th</sup> September.**

Contact Cathy McNerney for more information:  
[cjmcnerney@gmail.com](mailto:cjmcnerney@gmail.com).

