

Future Focus: THE WAY AHEAD

Future Focus is essentially a spiritual process that a whole congregation engages in together.

It is normally designed to be used by an external facilitator working alongside a congregation

The process has certainly helped us to FOCUS, as it has helped many congregations in Scotland:

- to seek out together a shared vision and path we should be taking as a congregation in the coming years.
- to make significant changes in the way we do church and mission in our parish and,
- to grow and go forward together as vibrant parish church in Sighthill industrial area/ Bankhead, Parkhead, Sighthill and the Calders.

Having met on two previous evenings we now gathered for our final day session, with facilitator, Rob, who again led us superbly and had supplied us with "fudge treats".

Having started with teas and coffees we quickly "Focused" on the theme in hand.

The full report will be posted later.

To explain some of the photos which are posted with this article, we finished our programme with a "Chinese Whisper". The purpose of the game:- To illustrate "the vision" of how the message should be delivered - clear and concisely - and that we are "all singing from the same hymn sheet"

Rob whispered the phrase to his neighbour and after 24 people had sent it on its way, it finished - *There's a knock at the door, but there's no one there!*

Original phrase - *Fear knocked at the door, faith answered and there was no one there.*

We were congratulated how close to the original one we had been!!

Let's hope and pray we can deliver our "SHARED VISION"- we can all play our part.