



The Severn Wye
Ministry Area

Worship Styles: CAFÉ STYLE WORSHIP

Shirenewton Report

The first Café Church in Shirenewton was very held on 7th April 2024 and was warmly received. It was great to welcome some new faces, acquaint ourselves with others whom we hadn't seen for a while and enjoy an informal and social time, not forgetting our 'regulars' who turned out to welcome everyone and support the service. We had attendees from 7 to 70 plus and they all seemed to get on very well.

The café was serving tea, cafetiere coffee, hot crossed buns, biscuits and cakes, the majority of which were homemade. The fairy cakes proved particularly popular, probably due to the thick icing and sprinkles which were perfect to lick off!

Colouring and wordsearches were provided to amuse our younger visitors, although they were keen to be involved in the discussions and planning prayers too. We provided some newspapers so that people could think about what we should include in our prayers. We also had some discussion cards, to get people talking, should conversation flag.

John Waters lead a lively service, opening and closing with an upbeat worship song and featuring a reading and talk, as well as prayers on topics suggested by those present. All the feedback we received was positive and everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

We learned some lessons and are now busy planning the next service, which will be on May 5th. Everyone is very welcome, whether from Shirenewton or the wider Ministry Area and all ages will find something.