

Women Together Newsletter

June 2020



Dear Friends,

For those of you who are new to Women Together, we are women of all ages and stages that meet occasionally through the year to build supportive friendships and to learn from each other through testimony and teaching.

You will all have been experiencing lockdown in different ways, with different struggles. We pray that through the ups and downs God has been drawing you deeper into relationship with him and strengthening you.

We have been exploring ways Women Together can meaningfully function during this time, when there is such a variety of need. Below are some ideas we would like to offer you. We hope they encourage you and meet a need for you.

Some may be lacking the resources and energy to listen or participate in any of the below (particularly mums home schooling). If that's you and you would just like to have someone pray with you on the phone, do also reach out and ask a friend, or call Antonia.

We pray that through this difficult time we are all sisters standing together in different ways.

With love,

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The Women Together Team

IDEA 1: Listen to talks from the Southern Women's convention christianconventions.org.uk

This letter intentionally coincides with the next event we had planned for the 13th June. We were all set to publicize and go together to All Saints Crowborough for the Southern Women's Convention for a great time of teaching and worship, a bit like a one day version of our weekend away.

Why not follow the link opposite and listen to two excellent talks by Linda Allcock from two years ago on the subjects of authenticity and longing for approval?

We're really delighted that Linda has agreed to be our speaker at our own weekend away planned for **7-9 May 2021**. A date for your diary and something to look forward to!

allsaintscrowborough.org/media

Find Linda Allcock from the speaker list



Linda will be our speaker at the All Saints

**Women's Weekend away
7-9 May 2021**

IDEA 2: Consider finding a spiritual mentor

Some of you will have heard of our *Titus Women* initiative. Quite simply it's about pairing up with another woman who will invest in you, pray for you, read the bible with you and encourage you to grow in your faith, whatever stage you are at.

We hope you enjoy reading the testimonies opposite of **Carol Holford** and **Sally Izod** who have recently started meeting together.

Maybe you identify with Carol in some way - why not reach out and ask a Christian woman you respect if they would support you in this way?

Maybe you identify with Sally - why not reach out and offer your support?

If you're stuck finding someone call Antonia Easley **07952 844088** | antonia@lindfield.info

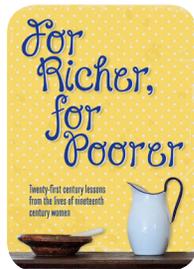
IDEA 3: Read a book together

Some of you may have enjoyed reading books together in the past, as organized by Ali Bourne. We would like to suggest a book called **For Richer, For Poorer** by Clare Heath-Whyte, who was our speaker at our 2019 weekend away. Reading the stories of women who faced struggles at a very different time could be interesting, inspiring, and maybe a little distracting!

You may choose to interact over the book in a couple of ways: either, just read it and find a friend to discuss it with on the phone or on separate rugs in the sun somewhere! The book includes questions for reflection.

Or, let us know if you're interested and we can organize one-off small zoom book clubs. This could be a way of connecting across the generations and with ladies you might not have seen for weeks.

Email antonia@lindfield.info before the end of June if you would a) like a copy of the book ordered for you, and b) like to join a zoom book club.



Find a review at:
www.10ofthose.com/uk/products/23877/for-richer-for-poorer

Carol's journey

I had felt for a while that my Christian faith was just bumbling along. I was going to Church each week and going through the motions. Lots of other things were happening in my life to keep me busy and I was (and am) worshipping at two different churches for various reasons. I didn't feel I was particularly growing or learning more in my faith. Something had to change, I wasn't happy.



Titus women seemed a good starting point for re-booting. Lots of great things have come out of it. I am enjoying a close friendship with another Christian who is challenging me on my walk. We are studying a book on prayer by Tim Keller and we meet regularly to catch up and discuss what we have read. It is teaching us both to pray more effectively and we are able to encourage each other and pray together.

I have been introduced to Nicky Gumbel's app on reading the Bible in a year. It is good to have someone you can trust and with whom you can discuss your Christian faith. Meeting regularly is encouraging, challenging and very rewarding."

Sally's story

I thought the idea of Titus women was very special and although I didn't feel I would be able to lead someone else in their faith I felt I could share in their journey with them and we could learn together. It has been such an honour to get to know someone else much more deeply than I knew them before and I believe we have both been maturing our faith and improving our walk with God.

We have been reading Tim Keller's book on prayer. We both read a small amount before we get together to discuss it and it's definitely beginning to improve my prayer life! If you are thinking of joining in this venture I would thoroughly recommend it.



Something else to look forward to

Over the next couple of months, we hope to plan and record a couple of interviews, so that if we can't yet resume our larger gatherings, we will still be able to enjoy hearing how God has been working in the lives of women in our church.