

## **Making our homes available to God and each other**

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This was the third month we have held one of our Sunday worship events in the homes of our congregation. We had about 12 hosts this time round with an increase in over all participation from the congregation.

It is part of our vision for the congregation to become a community where it is easier for people to connect to God's love.

It has given people a chance to share more deeply with one another, find out things that they didn't know about each other, eat together, study God's word, pray, sing, and strengthen the fibres that bind our community together.

We have wanted to keep it as open and free for people to go where they feel called to go, and though that potentially means more effort in the logistics it is at this stage the best policy as we want people to feel free to explore and discover one another in a variety of environments. It has already shown signs of allowing us to be a broader church, and for us to include more of us.

It is very different when we invite someone to our home, from when we invite them to attend a large service in the main hall at 43LG.

We are providing each host with content each month, but giving them the flexibility to also develop their own theme. Here was some people used: [communities.um-uk.org/2013/05/10/home-service-content-for-may12th-2013-being-grateful-when-circumstances-change/](http://communities.um-uk.org/2013/05/10/home-service-content-for-may12th-2013-being-grateful-when-circumstances-change/)

Here are some pictures from last Sunday which will give you a taste of the variety and the experience people had with one another being together with their God.



43LG residents on the landing



No one gets left out, even the little ones get their own executive fellowship meeting space



The harrow crew



The high school group hanging out in a tree



Anne and Anne's group



The cooper home service in Hanwell



The Franklin, home experiencing genuine fellowship



Lunch always plays a central part in meeting



The Nnaji family participating at the Mulumba home