

**ST. BARNABAS CHURCH, SWANLAND**

**SMALL GROUP NOTES**

***Sharing Christ through friendship***

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, w/beg 27 January 2013: Readings: 1 Cor 12: 12 – 31a; Luke 4: 14 - 21

<b>Welcome/ icebreaker</b>	Share your experience of a time when you were aware that God had led you into a particular situation ?
<b>Worship</b>	<i>Suggestions- Sing or say together</i> 629 You are the Vine 43 Bind us together 20 An army of ordinary people
<b>Word (refs.↓)</b>	
Luke 4: 14-21	Jesus clearly saw his role and ministry as ‘fulfilling scripture’ (v 21). How well are we, as individuals, as a group and as a church, fulfilling our role/ministry as laid down in scripture?
1 Cor 12:12-31a	Last week we were invited to think about and discuss the gifts of the Spirit and what gifts we may have as individuals. The significance of spiritual gifts is the context for Paul’s teaching about the ‘body’. How can we encourage more use of spiritual gifts in our church life and in services? How do we relate to Paul’s use of human body imagery as an illustration of unity in ‘the body of Christ’? How do we relate Paul’s teaching about unity to Jesus’ teaching about being part of the Vine (John 15) What do we learn about relationships between parts of the body in our church fellowship? Do we understand about the difference between ‘Individuality’ and ‘Individualism’. What is it?? (VV 28 – 30) Is Jesus obviously the ‘head of the body’ at St Barnabas?
<b>Prayer</b>	Pray for unity in the church – for members to be able to recognise and encourage other members’ gifts – for protection from ungodly influences
<b>Group life/ Witness</b>	➤ Seek to rejoice with those who rejoice and ‘weep with those who mourn’ ➤ Make a note of the <u>Pancake Party</u> in the village hall on February 12 <sup>th</sup> (5.15 – 7.15pm) – come to help, or – just as important - come to ‘eat and greet’.