



REFLECTION GROUP

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Sisters from Pen, Seafield and Fazakerley, 11 in all, met in Fazakerley on Wednesday 2nd May. Agnes got a great “Welcome Back”.

Eleanor offered a reflective prayer using a diagram from Adrian Smith W.F. titled ‘Re-visioning the Church’. The diagram was of an elongated broken shape, (rather like a barrage balloon) with captions:

Jesus gave birth to a
Vision for his own people
after his death his followers carried
The vision beyond Palestine.....
The vision attracts increasingly more people ...
which necessitates a hierarchical organisational structure
..... The structure boxes in the vision.....
The energy of the vision is expended on
preserving and promoting the structure....
The vision is resuscitated
in contemporary context,
giving new energy
and requiring
new structures

OR

Energy diminishes, the vision is lost.
The structure which held the vision becomes irrelevant.

Following the prayer we had a very lively discussion on the article on Jeremiah by Walter Brueggemann.

**Points raised were: radical,
words daunting,
our lives are simple,
there is conflict in all walks... even in nature,
conflict in the Church.**

It was decided that we needed to reflect further on the article and Jeremiah before offering questions to be considered.
All enjoyed the delicious lunch ... and chat.
Thanks once again to Fazakerley for their hospitality.