



# Atworth Independent Church

“It is time to seek the Lord” Hosea 10 v.12

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Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches

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## Report to the Atworth Parish Assembly 2011

How grateful we are to the authorities who located the clock tower so near to the Chapel. A very useful landmark when giving directions.

It is sometimes difficult to remain optimistic when we see our congregation dwindling. However we are in good company when we remember the Prophets of old when commissioned by God were told at the outset – oh, by the way “no one will listen to you.”

We are sad to report the continuing poor health of our Pastor Rev John Schofield which means he has to limit his availability to us.

During the year besides our regular services we have enjoyed a church picnic at Bradford on Avon, held a Bible study on a canal boat followed by a short trip and cream tea and a number took part in another Turn on the Tap walk raising money for Samaritans Purse Water Aid projects.

In May we were pleased to welcome an evangelist from The Open Air Mission who conducted a number of special events on behalf of the chapel.

The chapel has also been open bi monthly on a Friday morning for coffee, cake and biscuits, on most occasions including a guest speaker who shared their Christian experience.

We continue to meet up from time to time with members of other congregations in the Bath - Chippenham – Swindon group of F I E C (Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches) of which we are a part.

With God’s enabling we look forward to continue to serve Him and the community of Atworth in the years ahead.