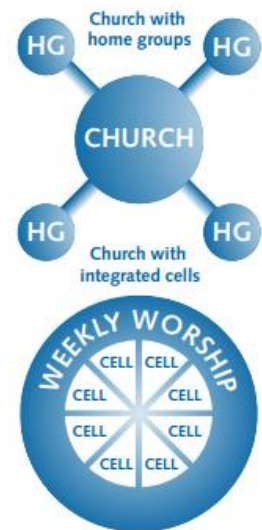


# Learning & Caring: being **community** together

## Cell Church

- We are used to churches that might contain several house groups. In Cell Church, the small group *is* the church. Periodically (weekly or monthly) the groups get together for a larger celebration.
- Groups contain 5-14 people and meet weekly as self-contained communities, usually in homes.
- The expectation is that groups will grow and then subdivide when they reach 14.



## Toddler Groups

- At toddler groups, parents and grandparents minister to each other while children learn that they aren't the centre of the world.
- At Sunday-morning church, members of the congregation minister to each other and learn that they are not the centre of the world.
- What can these two types of community learn from each other about being church?

## Retreat Centre

- One way in which churches may wish to explore learning and caring in community is by hosting retreats and quiet days.
- For example, Silchester Methodist Church developed their grounds and building to provide spaces for contemplation and conversation.
- Silchester hosts a quiet day every two months and continues to offer worship every Sunday.

