

FAITH ON THE WAY

Worksheet 2B : How we welcome

Preparation

Read the section 'The Christian offer' on pages 37-8 of *Faith on the Way*.

Task

1. As a whole group, or in twos, threes or fours, answer these questions:
 - (a) What kind of experience might someone have who telephoned the vicarage, presbytery or church office?
 - (b) What kind of experience might they have if they knocked on the door of the vicarage, presbytery or church office?
 - (c) . . . if they came along to a service?
 - (d) . . . if they came to a meeting of a church organization?
2. List anything that might make people feel unwelcome.
 - (a) Are there people you would be surprised to see in church?
 - (b) Any particular age group?
 - (c) Any particular type of person?
3. Are there ways in which your parish could do better at:
 - (a) Publicity and informing people?
 - (b) Getting into contact with people?
 - (c) Welcoming newcomers?
 - (d) Helping them to feel at home?
 - (e) Accepting the unlikely people?
 - (f) Listening to what people really have to say?