



## St Thomas Home Group Study

### Growing Younger Together

#### 2. Growing Younger

The photo above was taken at St. Thomas crib service. It was encouraging to see all generations represented on a very special day.

Q. Could St Thomas look like this every Sunday?

#### Read Psalm 145:1-7

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.
- <sup>2</sup> Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.
- <sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
his greatness is unsearchable.
- <sup>4</sup> One generation shall extol your works to another  
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- <sup>5</sup> They will recount the glorious splendour of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
- <sup>6</sup> They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.
- <sup>7</sup> They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

Q1. In the Psalm, think of the 'subject' (at the beginning of each verse). How does this change throughout the passage?

Q2. Look particularly at verse 4 and the following verses. Who are 'They'?

Q3. What are your experiences of worshipping in a church with all generations present?

Q4. What are the pros-and-cons of both 'all age worship' and services for specific age groups?

Q5. Gen Y (age 30s and 40s) have grown up in an increasingly diverse society with a marked absence of fixed identities, and are often said to be spiritual but not religious. Does the breadth of the global church and the depth of Christian spirituality have something to offer our young adults?

***In music, in the whole creation story,***

***In His own image, His imagination,***

***The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,***

***And makes us each the other's inspiration.***

*Malcolm Guite's 'A Sonnet for Trinity Sunday'*

Next week, we will explore the theme of Growing Younger *Together* as a church, exploring the potential to develop our common life both within the church and across our town.

Blessings, Lee.