



## Week 3: Corporate and Public Spirituality

### Activity 1:

On a piece of paper draw/write what you think of when you think when you hear the word Church.

If we are the Church, how do you express this, what does the "body" look like?



### Activity 2:

List all the things that you do which you think are examples of being church on the body shaped paper.

Are any of these things essential? What things can you do without and still be church?

We are promising to continue in fellowship and breaking of bread:

- *what happens if you move away from Dumfries – how will you stay part of the church?*
- *Salvation Army doesn't do communion –are they still church?*
- *Church is a Community, not clique. What is the difference?*

Criteria: It might help to think about what characterizes distinctively Church activities, some which have all of these characteristics might be core, while others are periphery.

- *Is it explicitly about God?*
- *Is it about Jesus?*
- *Is it based on teaching from the bible?*
- *How does it promote love for God and your neighbors?*
- *Does it encourage people to feel part of the Whole body of the Church?*
- *Would other Christians recognise it as a Christian activity?*
- *If you are unable to do this activity, is there another one you could do which would serve the same purpose?*

Particular churches, and groups within these congregations can be very supportive community experiences while you are able to participate in them.

- *What activities equip you to find community and be Church in new and different situations?*
- *These are ways that we are Church here, how could we be Church somewhere else?*

A final thought. You started by drawing a picture of what you thought of when you thought of Church. If someone you know outside of church was to draw a picture of church, how would you feature in it?

