

# **Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge**

***Parish Annual Meeting - Sunday 9th September: 7 pm***

## **PARISH GROUP REPORTS**

### **JUSTICE & PEACE**

**Co-ordinator – Mary Lee**

“This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God.”

#### Life Charity

We have now linked in with Chertsey and West Byfleet J&P group and have co-ordinated on joint events: Speaker at Our Lady Parish, West Byfleet on Climate Change the Christian Response, and a Life Talk, ‘A Positive and Practical Way to Create a Culture of Life’. Invited both these parish groups to our fund raising events.

Weybridge Deanery walk – ‘Share the Journey’ walking in solidarity with refugees and people on the move. We walked in June with other parishes to churches in our deanery. Very successful.

We supported the larger initiative that happened in April of supporting the Rosary on the coast praying around the coast of the British Isles for the faith, life and peace in our country.

#### **Prayer**

At our meetings

Stations of the Cross

Rosary on our pilgrims walk

CAFOD deanery Masses

Womens world day of prayer service

#### **Financial Support:**

CAFOD – regular CAFOD lunches and Harvest Fast Day and Lent Collections

The Passage – second hand clothes and financial support for the homeless, as well as a parishioner who has retired and now volunteers in the Accounts Department of the Charity.

Christian Aid – also helping the students of Royal Holloway choir who sang for Christian Aid, and supporting the students in their overseas tour.

Cardinal Hume Centre, collecting donation from tea & coffee after weekend Masses, and another parishioner volunteers every Wednesday at the Gateway at their centre in London.

The Nazareth Way Charity for the restorative Justice Course we have raised funds to help run this course in the prison.

Parishes for Peace Charity, have helped with the Church Carol Concert and divided the funds.

Quiz nights to support SVP and the Medaille Trust one of our charities.

Concert at the Royal Festival hall for the Passage funds, our group supports annually.

Cake Sales involving the Confirmation Group to help support Send Women’s prison for their Chaplaincy team’s work.

We would greatly appreciate some new members to our small group, as several members are moving out of the area and are no longer able to be a part of our parish group. Please think and pray if this is something that you can do for the Lord.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

**Co-ordinators: John Hoskins & Noirin Pantlin**

Parish email addresses created:

<a href="mailto:cpppastoralassistant@gmail.com">cpppastoralassistant@gmail.com</a>	- Mary Lee
<a href="mailto:cppadoration@gmail.com">cppadoration@gmail.com</a>	- Adoration updates
<a href="mailto:cppfhc@gmail.com">cppfhc@gmail.com</a>	- First Holy Communion information
<a href="mailto:cppsafeguarding@gmail.com">cppsafeguarding@gmail.com</a>	- Safeguarding news

cphp4p@gmail.com - Parishes for Peace  
cppalpha2017@gmail.com - Alpha Course information  
cppflowers@gmail.com - Church flowers

Database & Newsletter (via mailchimp) - to date we have 935 recipients (previously 916) averaging between 28 and 42 per cent 'open rate'.

Calendar of Events: there are regular updates on the church notice-boards.

Twitter (@cppweybridge) - to date we have 100 followers (previously 98)

Deanery Website: regular updates are made regarding forthcoming events. Safeguarding:

DBS checks are ongoing

## Parish Events

Co-ordinator - Carmen Narbona

### Annual events:

- Youth Summer Production: Snacks and drinks during rehearsals and sweets/drinks for sale during the production.
- New Parishioners Lunches: We invite new parishioners to an informal lunch twice a year: June and November
- International Lunch after the International Mass on our Feast Day, 26th November
- Care Mass Christmas Party early December
- New Year's Eve drinks in the Hall after evening Mass
- Baptism Celebration: on the first Sunday of January
- Celebration in the hall after Easter Vigil Mass for those Baptised and Received into the Church.
- Saint Patrick's Night: 17th March
- Marriage Preparation Day Lunch at the End of April
- Once a year we have a Mass with Anointing with a tea party in the hall afterwards. This year we had some youngsters from St George's College helping us.
- We provide tea/coffee and biscuits in Fr Charles room an hour before funerals for those arriving early.

### One offs:

- 15th September: Film Night with Sri Lankan food
- 17th September: Pilgrimages Information evening
- Alpha Course: drinks and cake
- 13th October: Fatima Film evening with drinks
- 21st October: Musical Evening
- 20th January: Ceilidh
- 23rd January: Patmos dinner and David Payne Talk
- 18th February: Adam Simon's Book Launch
- 21st April: Soul Night
- 17th May: Faith in the Workplace
- 15th June and 18th June: World Cup screening
- 17th June: Farewell party for Tom Kent

## SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Co-ordinator – John Meldrum

The parish SVP group consists of about a dozen people who endeavour in various ways to fulfil the Society's focus of '*turning concern into action*'. Our action and work cover a number of activities in the wider part of Elmbridge.

### **Activities of the group during the past year include:-**

**Visiting** elderly housebound or in residential care. Approximately 15 people per week are either visited, helped with shopping or taken out socially for a coffee.

**Assisting with the Weybridge Old Folks' Tea and Lunches** operated by '*The Churches in Weybridge*' group. This involvement is undertaken by our parish SVP on a monthly basis at the local Day Centre, by Weybridge Park.

**Providing Food Parcels to those in need:** Particularly at Christmas, the SVP distributes food and other presents to needy families across Elmbridge, often guided by requests from the local Social Services. The food is donated by parishioners and by families from St Charles School. Additionally, small presents are provided for some of the elderly in Whitely Village.

**Operating a Furniture Re-Cycling Facility:** Some members are involved in collecting donated furniture and delivering when requested to families and others in need within the wider Elmbridge area. In the past year about 40 deliveries were undertaken.

**Hospital Visiting:** We have an involvement in the work of the Chaplaincy team at St Peter's hospital visiting ward patients on a weekly basis.

**Holiday Caravan Holiday Support:** Assisting poor families to have a holiday in a caravan, which is located in Bognor Regis. This is jointly financed and operated with other SVP conferences.

**SVP 'Twinage':** We are linked with four SVP Conferences in India. Our parish Conference endeavours to assist financially these SVP groups in Kerala (recently badly affected by flooding). Help is given with the basic needs of the poor, self-help work projects and educational provision.

**Further wider SVP Conference involvement:** We have additionally provided financial support to other SVP activities such as the *Brighton Soup Run Operation*, *SVP Sudan Baby Feeding Station* and the *SVP Emergency Disaster Appeals*.

The Parish SVP Conference group normally meets twice a month for one hour on the *first* and *third* Tuesday evenings of the month at 8pm in the Canon Francis Room. New members will be welcomed and this would facilitate the growing needs of the poor, the lonely and infirm. Our work activity is hopefully wide enough for new members to focus their own interest and have the joy of extending Christ's helping hand to those in need.

The Conference is always thankful for the financial support given by parishioners, particularly during our September pulpit appeal and for on-going furniture donations

## YOUTH GROUP

**Andy Rodrigues - Parish Youth Worker**

This year the two parish youth groups have continued to go from strength to strength, with there being around 25 coming to each one. We extended the age range this year to include those in Year 6 at school, so the groups now cater for those in Years 6 – 8 and 9 - 13.

**Meetings:** We have continued to keep a balance between fun and faith. We have explored the power of our words to impact lives for good and bad, have discussed the power of the Saints as our role models and more, all alongside playing games, film nights and football!

**Youth Masses:** The young people have really grown in confidence this year and continue to lead the music at the Sunday 6pm Mass once a month using guitar, piano, violin, electric guitar, cajon and voice.

**Outings:** We have provided space for the young people to build friendships e.g. we took some of the youth **ICE SKATING** at Hampton Court Palace, had a day trip to **BIG CHURCH DAY OUT** Christian music festival and went for a river walk.

**Pilgrimage:** We took the youth to **FATIMA** on pilgrimage for Easter Week, with all of them saying that it was a fantastic, spiritually enriching time. Visiting the houses of the visionaries, having a day trip to the beach all made for a special week. Many of them particularly appreciated the times of extended adoration and commented on how impactful the trip was on their faith.

**Activities:** The Youth fundraising **CEILIDH NIGHT** was popular with 40 young people attending – two of our young people provided the music on guitar and violin for the visiting caller. The summer Musical-in-a-Week production of **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF** was a great success, ending with two performances – the young people were taken to Mass on one of the mornings and had several opportunities to pray and reflect during the week. Over 100 youth, children and adults attended the end of year **BBQ** celebration. Several of the regular youth group attendees have chosen to attend youth group even when it falls on their birthday, which we take as a good sign that they really enjoy it. The young people also expressed a desire to meet more regularly than once a month so extra activities have been added over the last months, such as a summer walk and time of **ADORATION**.