

## **Caring as a Fellowship Report**

Firstly warm thanks are extended to Liz Hawkins and Eve Phillips who stood down last year, for all their help and input. During discussions regarding the way forward, we decided to adjust the way in which we are structured and identified two complementary roles, the leads of which work closely together to ensure that the pastoral side of our church life remains active, effective and inspiring. The first role identified is the Church Warden (currently Elizabeth Lickiss) who will be the Pastoral Care Lead. The second is the St Mary's Care Co-Ordinator (currently Morag Davies). The Church Warden will have the general oversight on behalf of and in direct communication with the clergy and leadership teams. The St Mary's Care Co-Ordinator will have the day to day oversight of the church's pastoral care and will supervise the pastoral visiting team. It is believed that this new structure will allow us to expand and develop the pastoral side of our church mission effectively as new opportunities arise. Both leads will be members of the Caring as a Fellowship MAP team and work closely together.

We have identified the following responsibilities for each team lead

### **1. Church Warden with Pastoral Care Lead - Liz Lickiss**

- Responsible for pastoral care element in leadership team meetings and any follow up/ communication arising from these meetings.
- Liaise closely with St Mary's Care Co-Ordinator
- Proactively looking at developing and overseeing pastoral care of Kairos congregation/Little Footprints/ etc and liaising with St Mary's Children's Worker and Pre-school Staff
- Looking at developing any new pastoral care and support for life events such as redundancy, child-birth, marital difficulties, etc and liaising about this with St Mary's Care Co-ordinator

### **2. St Mary's Care Co-Ordinator - Morag Davies**

- Liaise closely with Church Warden (as above)
- Possibly to attend regular Leadership Team Meetings for a specific pastoral slot
- Liaise closely with Church Office and Ali
- Oversee Pastoral Visiting Team
- Oversee Healing Prayer Team & Healing Service
- Oversee updating of Intercession List and follow up names where appropriate
- Oversee communication with Pastoral Links in church
- Oversee Hospital Visits
- Oversee Home Communion

To ensure that our pastoral and support services are quickly dealt with Transport requests and organisation of the same are to go through the office. Prayer chain requests and organisation also go through the office and Ali specifically. Emergency meal requests and the organisation of the same goes through Val Burgess.

## **Communication & Raising Awareness**

We agreed that each team/group within the church will have a designated Pastoral Link person. These persons will not be expected to do the pastoral work themselves but would be the key people to communicate with the Care Co-Ordinator if any need has been identified. These people are still being identified but there are a number of individuals who have shown an interest. The Pastoral visiting team will be overseen and supported by the Care Co-Ordinator who will deal with requests and allocate visitors. The team will meet twice yearly with one meeting set aside for social and mutual support and one meeting for training.

Currently the above structure seems to be working effectively and it is hoped that with the development of Pastoral Link persons we will be able to ensure that our developing congregations in the Kairos and Informal Services for example will be better served. Much thanks to all of our pastoral visitors headed by Morag for their hard work and dedication to this wonderful calling.

One exciting venture for the coming year is the St Mary's Seaside Spectacular (Holiday at Home). This is a three day event based in the Barn and running from 10th - 12th July. It is an opportunity for folk who would not ordinarily get away on holiday to enjoy a fun-filled few days of fellowship, activities and entertainment. This year we are running it as a pilot scheme so numbers are very limited. However if it is well received we hope to make this continuing event.

Elizabeth Lickiss

## **ST. MARY'S ALMSHOUSE REPORT FOR THE AGM MARCH 2018**

St. Mary's Almshouse provides ten, one bedroom flats at an economical rate. The accommodation is split between east and west houses situated on Normandy. The flats cater for the older person of limited means, still wishing to lead an independent lifestyle. St Mary's Almshouse is a registered charity, run by the Trustees who are in post by virtue of their office, being the vicar and the three churchwardens. This report is an opportunity on behalf of the church family to thank all those who help in the running of St. Mary's Almshouse. Thanks must go to our warden at the Almshouse, Sirpa Camp, who is on call for our residents, seven days a week. Particular thanks this year go out to Chris Atfield who has retired from the role of Pastoral visitor at the Almshouse after nine years. We welcome Morag Davies as her successor into this valuable role. Thank you to Vince Mitchell, the honorary treasurer, who maintains the accounts impeccably and also for being on hand to assist residents with their benefits claims. He is ably assisted at year end by our independent examiner of the accounts, John McCutcheon. Finally, a vote of thanks to our honorary secretary, Annie Lister, who has understood and recorded the dialogue of the Trustees at our regular meetings. This year has unusually seen three flats become available. An extensive programme of decoration and carpeting of the empty flats has been carried out. We have welcomed two new residents but currently have one flat available for rent. The entire replacement of the single glazed windows with double glazed units in East house was carried out this year. Being in the central Horsham Conservation area, the windows had to be replicas of the original fittings. Thanks to Nick O'Riordan who managed this project for the Trustees. The bath has been replaced by a walk-in shower room in one of the flats.

Steve Benson

## **St. Mary's Sunday Lunch Report 2018**

Each Month a 'Traditional Sunday Lunch' is served in the Manor Room by a team of committed volunteers. This lunch service is for those who live alone, and is an opportunity to provide a good meal, and more importantly friendship and Christian Fellowship. 30 or so people attend; the tickets are always in demand. A modest charge of £6 covers the cost of the food, and makes a contribution towards kitchen expenses and equipment. Many thanks are due to the team of helpers who give up their time on Sundays to help in this way. Their cooking, (and washing up), skills are much appreciated, and the feedback from the diners is always positive. Second helping of deserts are often requested! New helpers will always be welcome.

Veronica James, Organiser