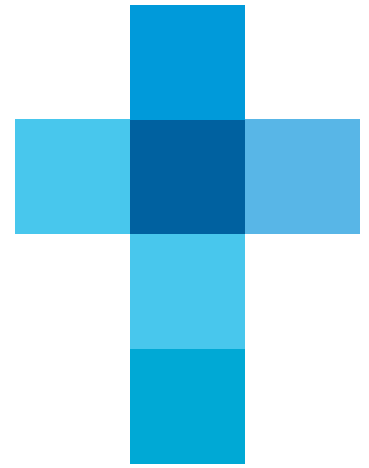


Catholic Care news



Welcome from Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care



Welcome to the autumn edition of our newsletter and I hope you all enjoyed the summer. Historically the summer months have been a quiet time for the charity, but not this year as you will see from our newsletter.

The opening of Francis House, our residential children's home offering respite breaks and short term care to children with a learning disability, and Leopold Villa in Harrogate offering apartments for senior members of our community with care and support on hand as and when required, have been two real highlights.

The people who we care for and support have also been busy enjoying the summer and you can read all about their adventures inside. Now as the nights draw in we turn to thinking of Christmas; perhaps choosing your Christmas cards from our range of religious cards and planning festivities. You are warmly invited to "Step into Christmas" with Catholic Care at our party to be held at the Leeds Irish Centre.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter and will pass it onto your friends to spread the word about the work we undertake.

First new Children's Home in nearly 20 years

On 17th July 2015, Carol Hill (Director) and Jamie Varley (Registered Manager) welcomed the Lord Mayor of Bradford, Councillor Joanne Dodds, to open Francis House, our new residential children's home offering respite and short stays to children who have a learning disability, particularly those with autism.

This was a proud moment for all the team who have worked hard in preparing the home to meet the special needs of the children it will be providing a service for. Now, with the help of highly qualified staff, children and young people aged 7 - 18 will be encouraged to develop their social, communication and life skills whilst enjoying the facilities the new home has to offer, including a personalised bedroom, a chill out room and a large enclosed back garden with trampoline, slides and a splash pool.

Also showing her support for Francis House was the Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Judith Chapman, who could not attend the official opening but was able to visit on Friday 7th August 2015. Cllr Chapman said, "Respite breaks are a vital lifeline for families and carers of these children which is why the opening of Francis House is so significant".

Carol said, "The breaks we offer are invaluable in giving families some much needed respite."

For further information on this service please call Mary Simmons or Jamie Varley on 0113 388 5400.

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Changing of the Guard at the Leeds Children's Home

This summer we said goodbye to 58 years of loyal service at our long established residential children's home in Leeds.

Kath Burrows joined the Charity in 1992 as a Care Assistant. Her caring and practical nature saw her quickly move on to the post of Deputy Manager and then to Registered Manager in 1998. Kath has seen many changes in her time at the home and much of its success has been down to her drive.

Trish Stapleton started at the home in 1997 and, with her legendary cooking of traditional Irish fayre, became a driving force in many of the Charity's social events over the years. Ann Ward started at the home in 1998 and proved a constant presence for the young people she cared for with her warm and nurturing nature.

Following successful interviews the home now moves in to the very safe hands of the new Manager, Joanne Kell and her Deputy, Tracey Burke.

We wish all of them the very best for the future.



Congratulations

No sooner had the guard changed at the Leeds children's home than they were visited by the Ofsted Inspector for the annual inspection.

Congratulations go to all the team as Ofsted rated the children's home provision as Good with Outstanding for "the overall experiences and progress of children and young people living at the home."

Open Day at Leopold Villa

Thursday, 1st October, saw many happy faces as people came for a cream tea, to view the show apartment and talk to Catholic Care's Staff Team about the services on offer.

The apartments at Leopold Villa would ideally suit senior members of our community who are perhaps finding it increasingly difficult to live at home, either from loneliness, security issues or general health needs. Apartment style living gives people the opportunity to continue living as independently as they are able whilst receiving care and support as and when it is needed.

Each apartment at Leopold Villa comes with a support package tailored to meet personal needs and includes:

- Lift to all floors
- 24 hour staffing
- 24 hour emergency call system with on site response from our own staff team
- Daily main meal, available in the comfort of your own apartment or the shared lounge
- Single reasonable weekly charge to replace utility and maintenance bills

New website launched

Catholic Care has launched its new website which went live in May 2015. A small project team from Head Office worked hard with a consultant over several months to re-design the new website to make it more informative and user friendly.

The new website has many sections which are easy to navigate. The section, About Us highlights our mission, our history and the people involved in the Charity.

The section on New Developments keeps people informed of our new projects such as the Moor Road Development and the Leopold Villa scheme in Harrogate. Information can be found about the wide range of services that Catholic Care provides under Services.

You can find out how to support and help the work of the Charity under the section Support Us, which keeps you informed of all the latest fundraising activities and events.



Leopold Villa is in an excellent location, being opposite St. Robert's Church and is ideally situated in the town centre, making the amenities there easily accessible.

Our fabulous show apartment at Leopold Villa is open for viewing:

- Thursdays 11am – 1pm
- Fridays 10am – 11.30am and 2pm – 5pm



For further details or to arrange a viewing please contact Joanne Cunningham on 0113 388 5400.



There is the invaluable News and Events section which is frequently updated to bring you all the latest news as to what the Charity is doing in its various services. This also informs you of all the latest forthcoming events to which you are warmly invited.

Please do visit the website on www.catholic-care.org.uk or just type Catholic Care in Google or your preferred search engine and follow the links.

Finally, there are many opportunities for you to donate throughout the website. All donations received greatly assist us with our ongoing work.

We're all going on a Summer Holiday...



We all enjoy relaxing on a beautiful summer's day. At Catholic Care we encourage those who we provide a service for to live fulfilling lives, to have new experiences and to enjoy themselves.

All our services did something special this summer to support the vulnerable we care for and here are a few snippets of the fun that was had.

For our children in care, many have never experienced a holiday, not to mention a holiday abroad; even getting to their destination by train or plane is an adventure in itself. On 3rd August one young person from our Leeds children's home had his dreams come true with a trip to Disneyland Paris. The highlight for him was the stunt show. "This was the most amazing and exciting thing ever," said the absolutely thrilled young man who loves all things automobile!

The other young people in the home also enjoyed their first experience abroad with a trip to Salou in Spain. The sea, sand and eating out were great fun for them and perhaps the absolute favourite for one young man was a tour around the town on a Segway.

A new venture this year for the children we support in the community with learning disabilities, particularly autism, were day trips out to some fabulous places. These included Gulliver's World, Canon Hall Farm, Ponderosa Therapy Centre and swimming at the Richard Dunn swimming pool which proved a real favourite with the children. These sessions were not only great fun, they also introduced the children to new experiences and greatly supported socialisation and general life skills.

Still on the theme of children, our School and Family Social Work Service assisted St. Bede's and St. Joseph's School, Bradford and Corpus Christi College, Leeds in running their summer schools. In Bradford there was a real community feel with activities including arts and crafts, swimming in the on site pool, mountain biking and climbing. In Leeds the summer school supported children making the transition from primary to secondary school. Activities included games around navigation of the building and fun taster lessons. Jess Hall, Senior Social Worker, said, "It's been an amazing two weeks for us and the children."

Those people we care for in our Adult Learning Disability Services also had a busy summer where they were accompanied and supported on their holidays with destinations including Scotland, the Lake District, Rigby Hall near Blackpool, St. Anne's, and old favourites such as Whitby and Skegness. Once on holiday people enjoyed fairground rides, paddling in the sea, going to shows, eating out, boating on the lake, and lots, lots more.

Some people chose days out and favourites included the Great Yorkshire Show, York and a boat cruise through Skipton.

At Catholic Care we have a "can do attitude" which results in enjoyment for the people we care for and staff like.

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Mgr. Rosser who celebrated his 70th birthday at the end of August.

Mgr. Rosser is an active Trustee for Catholic Care, joining the Board in 2006. He also chairs the Health & Safety Committee and often attends many of the social events and gatherings throughout the year.

We are very grateful for his continued support and wish him a very happy birthday.



Forthcoming events 2015

5th November 2015 Annual Meeting

Little Sisters of the Poor Care Home,
Shire Oak Road, Headingley.

2pm

All Welcome

Friday 27th November 2015 'Step into Christmas'

Christmas Party Night
Leeds Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds.

7.30pm

All Welcome

17th December 2015 Carol Concert

St John Fisher High School,
Hookstone Drive, Harrogate.

7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)

Refreshments served afterwards
in the 6th Form Centre.

All Welcome

'Step into Christmas' with Catholic Care

Join Catholic Care for a Christmas Party Night at the Tara Suite, Leeds Irish Centre - Friday 27th November 2015 from 7.30pm

Tickets: £25 per person
- 3 course meal & wine
- Entertainment & dancing

Start your festivities early and support our Charity. Everyone welcome.

Tickets available from: Joanne on
0113 388 5400 or email joanne.cunningham@catholic-care.org.uk

Leeds Irish Centre on 0113 248 0887

Directory of who we care for:

Learning Disability Services

Positive services delivered in residential and supported homes that focus on people's abilities and not their disabilities.

School & Family Social Work Services

Our qualified team of professionals provide advice, support and counselling for children, young people, families and teachers.

Older People's Services

Community Groups to support friendships and tackle loneliness. Community Outreach - providing care and support in your own home, helping you to live independently for longer. Accommodation - apartments offering freedom and independence with care and support close at hand when you need it.

Gianna: Pregnancy & Parenting Services

Confidential, one-to-one support and helpful advice.

Children & Young People's Services

Services that make a positive difference to the lives of children and young people in our residential care. Specialist care and support for children and young people with a learning disability, particularly those with autism, both in the home and in respite care, where we aim to provide the tools and advice they need to live full and independent lives.

Mental Health Services

Services that focus on mental, physical and spiritual needs, delivered in supported accommodation.

Our Mission

In everything we do, we strive to show how the teachings of Christian love, charity and justice can shape the way we live together.

We aim to achieve this by taking the Caring Church into the Community and offering practical services and support for anyone who is weak and vulnerable, regardless of their faith.

2015 Christmas Cards

Send the real spirit of Christmas this year with our beautiful Christmas cards. We have an excellent selection to choose from, in a range of shapes and sizes, featuring contemporary or traditional religious images.

When you buy our charity's Christmas cards, every penny of the profit we make (after production costs) goes straight into supporting our work - as does any money which you donate at the same time.



Every year, we produce a catalogue featuring a small selection of beautiful Christmas cards. You can either download the catalogue from our website, www.catholic-care.org.uk, or we'll pop one in the post to you if you give us a call on 0113 3885 400 or email us. (We're very sorry, but unfortunately we can't offer personalised cards.)

A Prayer to Saint Anthony

Almighty God you have given
Saint Anthony to your people
As an outstanding preacher
And a ready helper
In time of need
With his help may we follow
the Gospel of Christ
and know the help of your
grace in every difficulty
Through Christ Our Lord
Amen

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