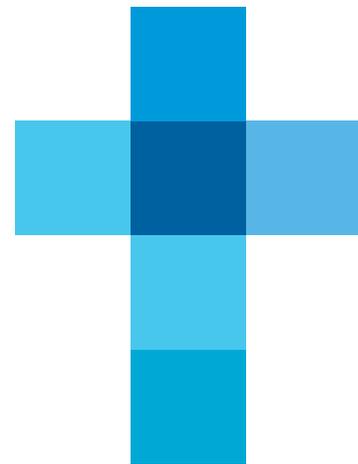


Catholic Care news



Welcome from Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care

Welcome to our Spring/Summer 2016 Newsletter which is full of news from the Charity over the past few months. This edition includes “goodbyes” and “hellos” as well as our developing community work, where we are reaching out into communities.

At last the sun has come out and many of the people we care for are preparing for their holidays. It therefore seems appropriate to wish you all a happy holiday season and safe journeys.

I do hope you enjoy reading this newsletter about the work of Catholic Care.



Christmas Party

Please join us for this fundraising event on Saturday 26th November 2016 at Crowne Plaza Leeds Hotel. 7pm for 7.30pm start.

Kick off the party season with us.

Tickets are £25 and include:

- 3 course dinner
- Arrival drink
- Wine on the table
- DJ entertainment
- Christmas Novelties

Tickets and choice of menu available from Janet or Joanne on 0113 3885 400. Closing date for tickets is Friday 28th October 2016.

Thank you for 34 years

Friends and former colleagues of Canon Maguire gathered on Thursday 12th May 2016 to give thanks and to celebrate his time at Catholic Care as he retired as a Trustee after 34 years' dedicated service.

Canon Maguire started his association with the Charity in 1982 when he was appointed Administrator (CEO), following in the very large footsteps of Mgr. John Murphy. He continued in this role for 10 years and oversaw major changes in the services delivered by the Charity. This was a time of great change in the care of children and he had the unenviable task of closing a number of residential children's homes as the care of children moved out into the community. Canon Maguire was also visionary and saw the opportunity presented by the Care in the Community Act to open small group homes for adults with learning disabilities and mental health issues. The Charity therefore changed its objectives to not only care for children, but adults as well. These services continue successfully today.

The day started with a very moving Mass of thanksgiving in the Hinsley Hall Chapel celebrated by Bishop Marcus who is Chair of Catholic Care's Trustees. A fellow

Trustee, Mgr. Peter Rosser, delivered the homily where he spoke warmly of Canon Maguire's wisdom and, above all, courage. Bishop Marcus kindly hosted a lunch at Bishop's House giving the opportunity for old friends to catch up and reminisce about their time with Catholic Care.

Carol Hill, current Director of Catholic Care, said a few words in which she thanked Canon Maguire for introducing her to the Charity and for all he had done both as Administrator and Trustee. She confirmed he really had made such a positive difference to people's lives. She presented him with a card and travel voucher as a token of thanks and appreciation.

Canon Maguire entertained all present with stories from the past. He was very appreciative of the celebrations. This was a very dignified way to say goodbye to an organisation which has been so important and dear to him over the past 34 years. The smile on his face said it all.



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Trustees on Tour

Throughout spring, members of the Catholic Care Board of Trustees visited some of the Charity's homes and projects to meet the staff and the people it cares for and supports.

The tour started at Foundry Mill mental health project where the Trustees were welcomed by staff and tenants and invited to tea and biscuits. There was a great hub of conversation which included two tenants showing off their excellent art work. Mgr. Lucey and Maureen Fletcher, both Trustees, remembered Foundry Mill a number of years ago when it was a church and one of the tenants explained his mother and father had been married there.

Then it was onto the children's home where the Trustees were treated to a first aid demonstration from one young person before he made each of his visitors a drink. The Trustees enjoyed being shown around the home and were particularly grateful to one young person for showing them his flat and explaining how he was learning new skills before he moved out of care in the summer. The Trustees were delighted with the warm homely feel of the home.

The final stop for the day was The House of Light. As always the party of visitors was warmly greeted and shown around the home with pride by the residents. A family of foxes playing on the lawn was a great attraction to everyone as was one of the resident's rug making. Time was also spent talking to the volunteers from Time for God who work in the home for 9 months each year.

In the car on the way back to Head Office, Bridget Smith, Trustee, said she had simply had the most wonderful afternoon, paying compliments to both staff and residents/tenants.



Say Hello, Wave Goodbye

During April we said goodbye to Stephen Johnson, Catholic Care's Finance Director. Stephen, who joined the Charity seven years ago, was responsible for all financial matters, property, IT and Health & Safety. He was well known by staff and the people the Charity cares for and supports alike. At Head Office he was known for his dry humour and was a well respected and trusted member of the senior management team. Stephen was presented with 6 bottles of champagne, his favourite tippie, from the Head Office staff and of course what every accountant needs – a new calculator. Stephen has now taken up his new post as Finance Director for the Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust. As he left, Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care, expressed her sincere thanks for his support and all he had done for Catholic Care and wished him well in his new position.



Also in April we were very pleased to welcome to Catholic Care and say hello to Craig Beedle, the Charity's new Financial Accountant. Craig is a chartered accountant with nearly 20 years' experience in senior financial roles. He trained with Deloitte and went on to be finance director for a £150m turnover food wholesale business. Craig says he was delighted when the opportunity arose at Catholic Care as it allows him to live out his faith by using his skills to contribute in helping the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of the community.



The Hand of Friendship

Catholic Care, in partnership with Leeds Irish Health & Homes and the Ciaran Bingham Foundation, is running a telephone support service for older people. The Hand of Friendship is a free and confidential chat line for lonely people over the age of 50.

This pilot has been funded by the National Lottery and the chat line enables trained people to provide:

- a friendly listening ear for a chat
- an offer of friendship
- information to share about social groups in the locality

The line is open Monday to Friday from 8pm to 10pm.

Feeling lonely? Call for a chat on **0800 0902253**



Good Shepherd Celebration 2016

On Friday 6th May children, teachers and staff came together from schools across the diocese for the annual Good Shepherd Celebration at Saint Anne's Cathedral, Leeds, with Bishop Marcus.

The service commenced with the traditional procession of banners around the Cathedral, with seventy eight schools taking part; and as the children processed they sang the opening hymn, 'Let There Be Love'.

Carol Hill, Director of Catholic Care, welcomed everyone to the event and thanked all present for taking part in this annual appeal before speaking about the works of Catholic Care.

This year pupils and staff from St Francis and St Cuthbert and the First Martyrs' Catholic Primary Schools, Bradford, presented the Liturgy for the celebration.

The theme of this year's liturgy was 'Love and Mercy'. Following the opening Prayer from Bishop Marcus, children from St Cuthbert's performed the 'trumpet surprise'. This was followed by the Gospel reading, the Parable of the Lost Sheep, which was led and dramatised by children from St Francis Catholic Primary School.

The children from St Francis School had also created a wonderful jigsaw to represent the 'Year of Mercy'. Children from schools across the diocese were given a piece of the giant jigsaw and asked to place their piece in the puzzle as they came up to present their cheques to the Bishop. Bishop Marcus placed the last two pieces of the jigsaw revealing the completed picture representing the theme of 'Love and Mercy'.

The Bishop was very interested to hear about the different ways the children had raised money. Along with the Smarties challenge, the children had been raising money in the following ways: silly hair days; wear your pyjamas to school day; guess the name of the teddy; talent competitions, and throwing wet sponges at teachers!

After the service, children and teachers joined staff from Catholic Care in Wheeler Hall.

Catholic Care received £42,727 from donations on the day.

A huge thank you to all who contributed and attended on the day!



"Friday Friends" meet the children from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary, Huddersfield

Different generations came together on Friday 8th April as children from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary came to visit the "Friday Friends" group for older people. Many of the children live in the same Parish as the group members so for some of them they were meeting their 'neighbours'. The children and group members looked at how they might potentially be able to enrich each other's lives.

The children gathered ideas and discussed potential opportunities. Ideas included the school choir attending the group to provide an afternoon of music, the group members joining the children for a school assembly and attending the year 6 productions in July. It was also agreed that the children would provide fresh eggs for a weekly raffle, laid by the schools own chickens!

Great intergenerational activity here!



Everyone had a 'Whale' of a time

Fish and chips, no matter how or where they are eaten, are a true staple of the British diet. That's what was on the menu at the Charity's summer event held on the lawns of the office in Headingley, attended by staff, trustees, supporters from the Parishes, and of course the people the Charity cares for and supports.

Tables were laid under a marquee and the stalls dotted around the garden for all to enjoy. As well as the ever so popular tombola, we enjoyed 'name the fish', a stall of freshly baked cup cakes and a raffle.

This evening however wasn't just about the meal; it was the getting together and having fun that was first on the menu. There was a great atmosphere: one big happy family.

This event couldn't have taken place without the contribution of so many people, which didn't just include raffle prizes, items for the tombola and the cakes but the gift of time. Everyone 'chipped' in with the planning, preparation and running of stalls to make this event the success it was.

For those who had a guess; the winning name for the fish was "Billy the Fish". All raffle prizes were claimed on the night.



Catholic Care in the Community

New "Stay & Play" at St John the Baptist's Church Hall, Normanton.

Catholic Care is supporting the Parish in delivering a new Stay and Play Group which started on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 and has been running weekly from 9.15am to 11.15am on a Tuesday in the newly refurbished St John the Baptist's Church Hall.

The sessions have been well received by parents, grandparents and toddlers! Activities to date have included singing, reading stories, messy play, soft play, dressing up and interactive skills sessions. Refreshments are also available.

The group could not have been started without the support of our wonderful Parish volunteers, Margaret, Sandra and Maureen!

It is a great venue for parents and carers to socialise and to seek guidance and support if required.

What the adults have said:

'just what we needed in the Parish!'

'nice friendly group'

'very informal and lots of activities to do'

'great messy play for the children'

'lovely sized space for both babies and toddlers to have a range of activities'.

Catholic Care, in partnership with St Augustine's Primary School and St Augustine's Parish, will be launching a new 'Stay and Play' on the 16th June 2016.

Catholic Care has been successful in applying to the 'Keeping Faith in Health' awards through the University of Leeds, which will help fund this new group.

To be successful projects have to demonstrate that they can connect religious organisations and/or places of worship with statutory or voluntary groups/organisations. Also projects must be concerned with tackling social isolation and promoting health and wellbeing in Chapeltown and Harehills.

We are really looking forward to this exciting initiative.



14th to 21st March 2016 Dementia Prayer Week

Please remember older people in your prayers, especially those living with dementia.

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step and shaking hand.
Blessed are they who know my ears today must strain to hear the things they say.
Blessed are they who seem to know my eyes are dim and my answers slow.
Blessed are they who look away when my tea was spilled at the table today.
Blessed are they who with a cheery smile will stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say "You've told me that story twice a day".
Blessed are they who know my ways and bring back memories of yesterdays.
Blessed are they who improve the days and care for me in loving ways.
Blessed are they who make it known I'm loved, respected and never alone.

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 disadvantaged and vulnerable, regardless of their faith.

Thank You

Thank you to all who have given so generously this year to our two major annual appeals.

The Annual Appeal held in Parishes throughout the Diocese this year which took place in March has so far raised £27,691 whilst the Good Shepherd Appeal held in schools throughout the Diocese has so far raised £45,506.

These funds are so valuable in enabling the Charity to continue to reach out into the communities to make a difference to those hard to reach people in need.

Thank you for your kind contribution.



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