

Financing • Funding • Future

TREASURERS REPORT



The Pastoral Care Project has had another successful year financially. We are indebted to the support from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Birmingham, Father Hudson's Society and the parishes of Nuneaton, Bedworth, Bulkington, Chapel End and Arley, for their generous contribution.

Analysis of the income of 2008/9 shows that 65% (grants and gift in kind) of the assured financial support is from our main funders, and we are always willing to develop links with new partners.

Whilst the accounts show a reduction in income for this year when compared to 2007/08, it must be noted that payment of a grant for £30,000 will be reflected in 2009/10 accounts. This grant was applied for to fund a Part-Time Administration post, Part-Time Project Assistant and to make up the shortfall in the Project Manager's salary. The application process included a visit from the grant-making Trust. This secured the funding which was received in April 2009.

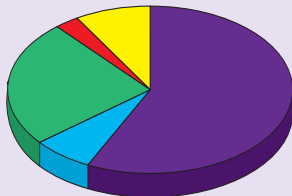
We cannot forget the importance of the income provided through donations, gifts and sponsored events by individuals and volunteers. Every penny counts and the Project is extremely grateful to those who have supported us. Being registered for gift aid means we can reclaim gift aid, once donors have signed the declaration.

It is also a delight when unexpected gifts are received. The generous donation of £2,000 including gift aid from Michael Cauchi and £464.15 received from Mr & Mrs Owens Retirement Dinner. At the AGM Cllr Wendy Smitten, 2008/9 presented a cheque for £2500, as the Project was one of her chosen charities in her role as Mayor of North Warwickshire.

The Project relies heavily on the free provision of services, skills, time and the compassion of the unpaid volunteers and is eternally grateful for their dedication, support and care. The Project is always pleased to welcome people with various skills to help either in visiting, administration or on the Board of Trustees.

Each and every one of us is given the grace to make a difference to the lives of the frail elderly in the community, and their carers. Therefore everyone associated with the charity are undoubtedly adding to Gods blessing on them and we ask that his loving support for our work will continue.

Kevin Goodyear,
Treasurer



Source of Income (£35,009.26)
1st April 2008 - 31st March 2009
Breakdown as follows:

■ Pastoral Fees	£2,416.02
■ Donations	£8,591.24
■ Parish Resources	£902
■ Gift In Kind	£3,000
■ Grants	£20,000

Donations



North Warwickshire Cllr Wendy Smitten presenting a cheque to Kevin Goodyear, Treasurer and Frances Molloy, Manager

The Mayoral year 2007/08 Councillor, Wendy Smitten, chose the Project as one of her beneficiaries. At the 2008 AGM she presented a cheque for £2454, her husband John made up the difference to £2500. She spoke affectionately of the work the Project, a Project which she has supported for many years.

Sponsored Walk raises £790.26

The annual walk organised by the Rotary Club Nuneaton enables local charities to raise funds whilst walking safely and securely. Thanks to the efforts of Lianne Pap, Rosemarie Peel and Paula Mawson a total of £790.26 was raised, including gift aid and the Projects online donation page at www.justgiving.com

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DONATIONS

The Project needs at least £60,000 per year to maintain this level of service.

All donations gratefully received to benefit the community.

I enclose £10 £50 £250 £1000 other

Title Forename Surname

Address

..... Postcode

Gift Aid Declaration I want the Pastoral Care Project to treat donations I have made and all donations I make from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations*. I understand I can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying the Pastoral Care Project. *You must pay an amount of UK income tax and/or capital tax gains at least equal to the tax that the Pastoral Care Project reclaims on your donations in the tax year (at the current rate).

Signed

Mail to:
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Donating made easy!

Log on to

www.justgiving.com/pastoralcareproject

A secure on-line service that collects donations, adds gift-aid as appropriate and pays direct to the Project bank account; reducing admin costs

Fun Raising Ideas –

- **Special Occasion**
- **Workplace charity day**
- **School fun days**

Log onto www.justgiving.com/pastoralcareproject to create your own fundraising page.

The Giving Machine - register – shop – they donate to us

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• REMEMBER PASTORAL CARE IN YOUR WILL! •

*“Raising awareness of the spiritual needs of the frail elderly -
Enabling carers to support them in their journey to the fullness of life”*



The Heart of a Child

The Pastoral Care Project offers you a very warm welcome. Pastoral and spiritual care of the frail elderly are central to the gospel and to our vision.

It is important that those who are frail or with a form of dementia are perceived as gift and valued. Over and above their contribution to the economy they are precious to their family. Their willingness to accept help from others is to be admired. Their faith appears to help them adapt to change and live in the present moment.

The book *Holy Daring* written by Canon John Udris used the term “Trust triggers miracles” highlighting St Theresa’s simplicity. She was openly trusting, dependant, accepting and we see this again and again when we are among those who live with a form of illness or disability. Those with dementia however do live in the present moment too, where the God of peace is, and like all of us recall memories to help live in the here and now. Their mixed emotions requires a sensitive listening heart leading to healing of many of those memories.

The teams of volunteers lead the services so that residents can participate, whether it is through hymns, sacraments or silence. Prayers are offered, often for others, which reminds us of how vital it is to respond to the spiritual needs of the frail and confused. They are a person with an illness.

These may appear to be small acts of love, but they are significant. I have no doubt the work of the Project is highly blessed through the ministry of the sick.

Again looking towards St Theresa. Her mother died when she was four, and her father had many strokes, leaving him frail in his later years. Many of us today can identify with her loss. She herself was severely affected by TB despite this she lived with the heart of a child, trusting in God, she would sit and talk with Him. She was known for doing the ordinary things well but with great love and can still inspire us today.

The scriptures remind us; There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit. There are varieties of service but the same Lord. 1 Cor. 12.4-7

I would encourage you to ponder this and in reading through this report value your talents, and consider offering them within this ministry.

I thank my fellow trustees, the volunteers and the project manager for their commitment. I thank you too for your support, however it is given, it is most graciously received.

God bless you all,

Fr Michael Gamble

Chair of Trustees

The Board of Trustees

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Day of Prayer for Dementia - March 19

justgiving.com/prayerdaymarch19

‘Did I love him enough?’

The Project research showed that a day of prayer dedicated to the needs of those affected by dementia didn’t exist.

This new initiative was supported by parishes & schools in the RC Diocese of Birmingham. Churches Together England and the Columbian Missionary Society both promoted the day.

Contributors to the Prayer Pack were:

Fr Timothy Menezes, St Thomas More Parish, Coventry

Canon Edward Pogmore, Senior Chaplain to George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton

Fr Pat Sayles, The Prayer Trust

‘I have loved you’ Music/Lyrics, Glenys Roberson – Pastoral Care Project.

Due to the heightened media attention, many individuals who’s parents had died years ago from dementia, contacted the project to talk about their grief. This webpage offered them space to upload words or pictures to express their loss and find comfort.

‘If only my mother was living now I could care for her in a different way!’



Beverley Bowerman, Volunteer assisting with distribution of leaflets

Pastoral Care in the Community

Volunteering

The total number of trained pastoral volunteers currently stands at 30; lay visitors 23, trustees 5 and 2 committee members.

Without the commitment of the volunteers the services provided would be considerably less, therefore the quality of life for those we visit would be affected. The volunteers' ministry of compassion is invaluable. It is such a joy to be with them and experience their gentle approach.

Care settings/Parishes

In addition to the projects involvement in parishes, the project arranges and leads a variety of services in the following care settings:

- Richmond Lodge, Coventry
- Merevale Grange, Hartshill
- Cow Lees Care Home, Astley
- Stan William Court, Nuneaton
- Cheveral Place, Nuneaton
- Manor Court Care Home, Nuneaton
- St Joseph's Home, Coleshill



Carers and Families in the Community and Nationally

It is apparent since the project began in 1995, the number of families who contact us to talk through having to make painful decisions regarding the care of their parent/s. Relatives who live great distances from those they are caring for find the Project helpful.

Offering individuals and families space to talk through their anxieties, fears and their sense of loss. In the case of a married couple they have to come to terms with

living apart. This can be devastating – a bereavement. To change from a spouse to a visitor overnight is painful and therefore practical ways are offered and the couple begin to live the future in a new way together.

Quiet Days for Carers- a resource for carers/ parish groups

Quiet Days for Carers'

St Annes,
Chapel End
Dec 08

'Waiting in Joyful Hope'



The Quiet Days for Carers, which began in 2001, have been presented into resource booklets.

The various themes, for example, *Sharing the Burden of Caring*, *Remembering and Seasons of the Heart*, are valuable for personal use or a starting point for any group wishing to support carers.

For more information call
01675 434035

Remembering other Carers



Bernard and Maureen Owens

Retirement Dinner

Bernard & Maureen Owens

Attending the retirement dinner of Maureen and Bernard and hearing Bernard speak of the ways in which dementia affected the life of his late mother and that of his father was very moving.

His message clearly highlighted the importance

of spiritual support, and he said 'the church must go to them'. 'Among the day to day toil and strain there is still goodness'. He concluded with a joyous story about his father and how one day, he had

looked out of the window only to see Archbishop Vincent Nichols walking up their drive on a visitation. This was so special to him and his family.

In the same way, Bernard and his wife felt that the Pastoral Care Project was very special to the community and so they were pleased to forgo presents in lieu of donations totalling including gift aid £464.15 to the project.

Donation

Michael Cauchi

Having been a carer for many years and finding solace from the Quiet Days for Carers Michael wanted to reach out to other carers after his wife passed away. He not only joined as a Project volunteer but donated generously to the sum of £2500 including gift aid towards the projects charitable work.

Michael Cauchi on the right and his comrade, Ken Jones on the left.



Resources • Networking • Awareness

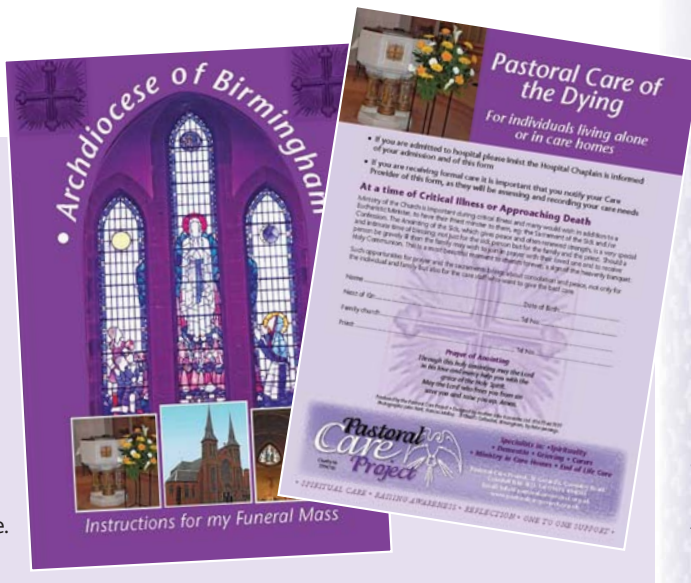
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Below are a few examples of resources:

Instructions for my Funeral Mass and Care of the Dying for Parishes

Pastoral Care of the Dying, P4. This section of the document is important when:

- an individual is admitted to hospital.
- an individual is receiving or being assessed for formal care.



Training

Footerley Hall Care Home Staff

In-house training outcomes:

- Reinstate Exposition
- Using music more creatively and culturally
- Book of Remembrance

Our Lady's Pastoral Network, Nuneaton

One of the aims identified in the Parish Evaluation in 2004 was to develop a pastoral group to visit the bereaved. The Project led an open evening with follow up training.

Networking

Coventry Lay Forum

Dementia and End of Life Care

National Carers Week

Anker Radio - George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton

National Dementia Week

Guideposts Trust Community Café

Felixstowe Trust for Christian Care of Older People

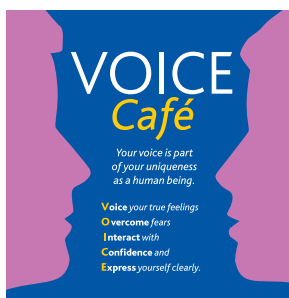
The Prayer Trust

Leaveson Centre

Caritas -Dementia Spirituality DVD

It's Still Me Lord

Chair, Fr Michael Gamble, Musician Glenys Roberson, Project Manager Frances Molloy Inputted to their DVD.



VOICE Café© and SINGING Café© courses

Dementia DVD - 'Spiritual Care in Confusion'

'Thoughts from the Heart'

booklet of poems written by carers £3.00

Awareness

The Project gave presentations to the following schools:

St Josephs Junior School – Nuneaton - Assembly

Inspired by SINGING Café, a PowerPoint presentation, helped deliver the message "the value of singing and its effect on the brain and the senses."

St Edmund Campion School - Birmingham

School Mission Week

The children were inspiring. One boy in his evaluation of the scripture 'You are precious to me and I love you' wrote:

'I didn't know, but I will never forget this.'

This left us feeling very humble.

Conferences

The Project led and contributed to the following events:

Little Malvern

Conference - Set up Parish Pastoral Project in - September 2008. – 32 attendees.

Workshops at Conference Edinburgh

Old Age Wasteland or Harvest Field Organised by ACTS and FiOP

St John of God Conference at The NEC

Chair & Manager attended

