



• SPIRITUAL CARE • RAISING AWARENESS • REFLECTION • ONE TO ONE SUPPORT •



“Heart Speaks Unto Heart”

A warm welcome from the Pastoral Care Project. I am inspired by the newly Beatified John Henry Newman – who chose as his motto on his coat of arms “Heart speaks unto Heart”.

When a person with dementia is no longer able to remember who we are the important thing is we know who the person is, and the Lord knows who they are too. His healing love and compassion is there at the heart of this situation. It is important that we too continue to love, value and uphold their dignity, whatever stage of life they may be at.

For all involved in the Pastoral Care Project, Newman’s words inspire and encourage us. They remind us of the importance that

Christ must be at the centre and heart of our work, The Care of the Dying is also very important.

The Project has worked very hard at developing the document ‘Instructions for my Funeral Mass and Care for the Dying’, which enables individuals to address this important issue and ensure their requests are carried out.

I would like to thank you all for your generosity, in whatever way you support our work. It means so much to us and to those that we try to support.

God bless you all,

Fr Michael Gamble.

Chair of Trustees.

Day of Awareness Christ Church Coventry



Eighteen people attended including the Minister. New ideas emerged for outreach initiatives. One example was the ‘Gift of Time’ - an initiative of care to include givers and receivers whereby each person donates or receives one hour of time, which is co-ordinated by a volunteer.

Comment:

“Very inspiring - the gentle leading and bringing everyone together to offer their gifts is very encouraging for this church to help our community.”

Annual Day of Prayer for Dementia - March 19th

After the positive response from the launch on March 19th 2009 and with support from Archbishop Bernard Longley, the Day this year exceeded our expectations. Three trustees and five volunteers spoke at thirteen weekend Masses/Services. The Project also gave presentations to pupils at Coleshill Church of England Primary School.

The website www.dayofprayerfordementia.org.uk attracted 869 page visits in its first month.

The website offers resources, for example the ‘In Memory Of...’ page which is a sacred place for personal reflection as one remembers a loved one.

Please contact the Project on 01675 434035 for information regarding the Day on 19th March 2011 and how your church or school can get involved.

SINGING Café © ‘Sounds and Senses’ Nuneaton September



Presentations on ‘Stimulating the Senses’, ‘Carers Identity’ and ‘Touched by Music’ highlighted the need to understand the power of music - which can hurt or heal as distant memories are evoked.

There was unanimous support that music relating to the cultural and faith needs of the individual should be recognised and supported.

This linked with the Project’s ‘Circle of Life’ taster session and several care homes were keen to become involved in this new initiative.

Comment:

“Music – it opens ones minds and stimulates the senses, I have long seen the need for a day such as this, thank you.”

Pastoral Care Project Profile

Trustees

Chair - Fr Michael Gamble
Vice-chair - Rev Richard Hughes
– retiring at 2010 AGM
Treasurer - Mr Kevin Goodyear

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22 Volunteers

TREASURER'S REPORT



We are indebted to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Birmingham, Father Hudson's Society and the Nuneaton Area Parishes for their generous financial support to this Project since 2002 and to Warwickshire County Council and Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Development Fund for grants to the Project.

Overall, the income and expenditure of the Project has levelled this year and whilst there may be a healthy balance of £23,936 carried forward, without the generation of increased funding, the viability of the Project to fund its activities is likely to be very uncertain for the later part of 2010/2011 and beyond. Close scrutiny of the accounts is a regular feature of the Trustee Meetings and will continue to be for some time during the uncertain economic climate we all find ourselves in at the moment. If anyone has any suggestions as to how additional funding for the Project could be raised, please contact any member of the Committee or the Project Manager.

As in previous years, the Project has a significant reliance on grant income, which represents a high proportion of the total income for the year. The parish of the Sacred Heart and St Teresa in Coleshill is planning to become a regular giver in 2010/11. We are grateful to them and for the continued support from St James and St Nicolas Churches in Nuneaton.

In addition to the income from our main funders, we cannot forget the importance of the income provided through gifts and donations. Most notably the Snooker Event donation of £420 + gift aid, £150 from St Joseph's Junior School and £50. from Nuneaton Carnival Fund, and the many donations from individuals, parishes and religious communities, too many to list here. Thank you.

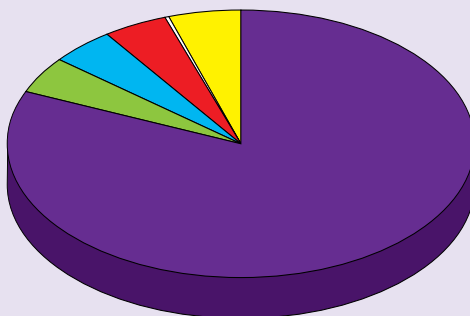
The Project relies heavily on the free provision of services, skills, time and the compassion of the unpaid volunteers and is eternally grateful for their dedication, support and care. If the Project is to survive these hard times, your prayers, ideas and donations are urgently required.

Kevin Goodyear, Treasurer

Source of Income (£68,788.00)

1st April 2009 - 31st March 2010

Grants	£56,000.00	
Donations	£3,194.80	
Parish Resources	£3,042.61	
Gifts in Kind	£3,000.00	
Bank interest	£133.41	
Pastoral Fees	£3,417.18	



Forthcoming Commitments

There has been an increase in enquires for training from parishes and organisations to help them as they respond to the spiritual needs of people with dementia and their families.

Below are a few of the Project's commitments for 2011-12

Awareness

Coleshill Churches Together Older People Initiative
Annual Day of Prayer for Dementia 19th March
St Vincent De Paul Festival, Telford
Our Lady's Primary School, Princethorpe, Warks

Training

Birmingham Methodist Circuit Pastoral Visitors
Church of England Conference Birmingham
Little Sisters of the Poor Care Home, Birmingham
Hospitalier Sisters of the Sacred Heart, London and Surrey
SINGING Café Nuneaton & Bedworth Scheme Managers

Developing Resources

Circle of Life
School Presentations

Networking

Developing links with churches and organisations.

'Its Still Me – Lord' DVD, Presentations given by Chair Fr Michael Gamble, Volunteer Glenys Roberson and Manager Frances Molloy along with Prayer resources.

Funding

Seeking partners and grants to further the work of the Project.

Instructions for my Funeral Mass and Care of the Dying.

The Project would value Sponsorship or Donations to help further develop the document 'Instructions for my Funeral Mass and Care of the Dying.' In addition to the hard copy, an electronic version is being developed - as requested by parishes and care organisations.



Please make your donations to Pastoral Care Project and complete the Gift Aid form where applicable.

YOUR DONATIONS

St Josephs Junior School Nuneaton raised £150. following an assembly on 'Dementia and Music' highlighting the value of singing and its effect on the brain.

Nuneaton Carnival Fund donated £50.

Jubilee Shield Snooker Event held at the Attack Snooker Club, Nuneaton donated £420.00 plus Gift Aid

Finalists: Dave Young, Andy Alexander
Roger and Andy Needham.



Dave Young, Andy Alexander, Roger and Andy Needham

Gift Aid Form

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

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