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Bishop David McGough – Lead Bishop, Pastoral Care Project

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Mission Statement

Raising awareness of the spiritual needs of the frail elderly –
enabling carers to support them in their journey to the fullness of life.

Inspired by Luke 4.18-19

The spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to proclaim release for prisoners and
recovery of sight for the blind;
to free the broken-hearted and
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

Pastoral Care Project – how it began.

It may be helpful as a first time reader to know of the Pastoral Care Projects' beginnings.

The Pastoral Care Project began in 1994, as a result of Frances Molloy now Project Manager, meeting with a lady in an EMI (Elderly and Mentally Infirm) Ward at the local George Eliot Hospital in Nuneaton, while visiting as a church volunteer in 1989. The lady had a form of dementia but was also blind and yet seemed to have an awareness, which captured Frances' attention.

At the time, Frances was beginning her training as a retreat leader (Light Out Of Darkness – Sr Kathleen O'Sullivan SSL) and the theme of the programme that particular week was 'finding God in my weakness'- the relevant scripture being Romans 8.26-27. Meeting with this lady with dementia made Frances aware how special and unique each person is and that weakness can be strength.

The lady visited was instrumental in this Pastoral Care Project taking off because no-one had recognised that she too had a spiritual life, which was overlooked on medical assessment. Frances never knew the lady's name; the lady could not remember what it was – and yet she had this great awareness of God and others.

Lead Bishop

Rt Rev David McGough Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham

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Mr Michael Cauchi – former carer, volunteer and more recently trustee of the Pastoral Care Project sadly passed away on 17th October 2015. Michael is greatly missed by all the Trustees, Staff and volunteers at the Pastoral Care Project. His legacy of poems and stories stand as a wonderful testament to his whole life.

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Chair's Introduction

I give a warm welcome to everyone who is reading this Annual Report, a witness to the many blessings received and given through Gods providence.

We are very grateful for the continued support of Bishop David McGough, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and lead bishop to the Pastoral Care Project. Bishop David led an Afternoon of Reflection on 26th September 2015 in preparation for the Year of Mercy on the theme 'His Mercy is from Age to Age' - Luke 1:49, during the talk he said, *'Let us remember that whatever we do must flow from the mercy of God, that alone transforms our hearts, enabling us to reach out with a compassionate love, making us channels of his mercy.'*

We are humbled by witnessing among those with dementia, that they clearly demonstrate that truth – they are dependent on Gods providence in every aspect of their lives and His mercy too.

The Pastoral Care Project has connected with more people this year, with the Dementia Prayer inside the back cover of the Walk with Me Lent book, and Catholic Today distributing 250,000 copies nationally. We are indebted to them in helping us reach out nationally, reaching many schools who have taken part prayerfully, using our online resources as well as several giving alms in support of our charitable work.

I wish to thank our trustees for their continued support and commitment and welcome to the Board of Trustees, Father Stephen Beale SDP, but sad, that Mr Michael Cauchi who was a trustee for one year passed away – a tribute to him is written by Frances Molloy in the Spirituality Reflection.

I wish thank Mrs Maria Gallagher for her administrative support, despite the reduction in her hours due to reduced funding - she is such a pillar of the charity. Funding cuts also affected the hours that Frances Molloy, Project Manager works, and I wish to thank Frances for her time voluntarily in supporting carers, many of whom are struggling with the care system and their own deteriorating health.

I extend thanks to our volunteers and everyone who has helped and supported the Pastoral Care Project, including those overseas.

I am sure as you read this report at length you will see there remains an ever growing need to understand and support those with Dementia as recent online statistics indicate that there are over 820,000 people in the UK with dementia and an estimated 40,000 are younger people.

We therefore seek to continue to raise awareness of the spiritual needs of the most vulnerable people in our society namely the frail and elderly and especially those with dementia. Through trusting in God's providence and mercy, may we continue to receive God's rich blessings in the years ahead.

Sheevaun Sparkes
Chair of the Board of Trustees

Annual Report 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016

This year the Pastoral Care Project charity has made exceptional progress in fulfilling its mission as many more people have taken advantage of our resources and information in their efforts to support those in their community who are touched in some way by dementia, or have the responsibility of caring for relatives.

Many carers are elderly themselves and separated geographically posing extra worry on their family, who may have young children and work commitments. Here at the Pastoral Care Project office we often are asked for information which we can provide or we can connect people with organisations through our longstanding links with dioceses and organisations since 1994.

Therefore, giving talks and raising awareness, especially in the lead up to and during Dementia – Prayer Week 12-19th March 2016 was even more important than ever, with the increasing number of people with dementia and disabilities, many of whom have felt isolated and lonelier due to cuts in the provision of statutory care.

Having received an unexpected donation and the opportunity to include the Dementia Prayer in Walk with Me Lent and Easter Book was of enormous benefit helping us reach 250,000 individuals throughout England and Wales.

We hope this report will inspire more people to get involved in some small way wherever they live. We would welcome enquiries from those wishing to volunteer in the office or to join the board of trustees.

This charity is quite unique; being true to its mission since 1994 when dementia was rarely spoken about or their spiritual care was not considered either. We always remember the people who have been part of this charity and who helped it breakdown barriers - best described in the words of the Chair's report 2014-5 "what a beautiful legacy they left us".

With your prayerful help and support we can connect with many more people in the year ahead.

April 19th 2015 – St Augustine’s Catholic Church, Solihull – Retreat Day
‘The Lord hears me when I call Him’ (Psalm 4)

Fr Dominic Kavanagh Parish Priest of St Augustine’s invited the Pastoral Care Project team to lead a half day Retreat in the parish on Sunday 19th April 2015, especially for individuals and family members who care for or are associated with those who have Dementia.

Leading retreat days and quiet days for carers has always been central to our mission and so it was wonderful to be invited to St Augustine’s. The theme which came to us through our preparations was *‘The Lord hears me when I call Him’* from Psalm 4 Evening Compline, which speaks to all of us for we all need to be cared for.

The day began with Mass; a short session in preparation for the shared lunch leading into the afternoon session of opening the scriptures. Then time for reflection and sharing before concluding with a Eucharistic Service of Healing. Deacon Kevin O’Connor had prepared the sanctuary so beautifully; draping the stole round the monstrance and inviting those present to go forward in their own time to touch as it were *‘the hem of his garment’*. The Prayer of Abandonment (Fr Paul Gurr OCD) prepared the way for individual anointing by Fr Dominic and Fr Andrew. A special thank you to Fr Dominic, Fr Andrew and Deacon Kevin for being part of the day.

This excerpt from their letter describes the day:-

“The Gospel of this Third Sunday of Easter from Saint Luke spoke of our Lord’s appearance to the disciples in the upper room immediately following on from His appearance to the two Disciples on the road to Emmaus. Once again Christ offered them His Easter Peace “Peace be with you”. This Gospel set the scene for our half-day’s retreat with Mrs. Frances Molloy and her helper, Frances, from the Pastoral Care Project.

We really did feel the presence of our risen Lord in various ways. Through the uplifting words of Frances, through the quiet, reflective times of prayer, through the meal we shared with one another, prepared so kindly by two parishioners, a husband and wife; and finally in our Lord’s Eucharistic presence in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The whole afternoon was filled with a real awareness of our Risen Lord and of how He speaks to us in Words, in Silence and in the kindness and goodness we show to each other.

Our sincere thanks

to Frances and Frances for rekindling that spark of Divine Love within us. I look forward to building on our afternoon, especially in benefitting those with Dementia and their families and carers. With our prayers and good wishes.”

Fathers

Dominic and Andrew and parishioners.

Extract from letter received, *“Thank you for a wonderful new experience ... having nursed my sister through dementia, I know how important pastoral care is to the sick person, but also the carer. We often feel alone at a difficult time.”*

May 31st 2015 - St Peter's Parish, Hinckley, Nottingham Diocese

The Pastoral Care Project connections with St Peter's Catholic Church in Hinckley (Nottingham Diocese) began in March 2010 with the national Dementia Prayer Week - then purchasing the document, Instructions for my Funeral Mass. From that connection the parish priest, Fr Frank Daly contacted the office to enquire if the Pastoral Team would be willing to lead an afternoon on dementia, such was his compassion for those in his parish who were living with dementia and their carers. This was in addition to the support the parish gives to the many care homes locally.

The Pastoral Care Project team then led the following presentations during the afternoon: Dementia led by Leema Phillips Nurse-trainer and Trustee with the Pastoral Care Project; Dementia – my grandparents, 'For Better for Worse' film led by producer and director of the short film, Victoria Caldwell, and Pastoral Care led by Frances Molloy, the Project Manager.

There were opportunities for questions and those attending also felt that they wanted to share their own experiences which were very touching. Meeting people individually, during the refreshments, makes for precious moments.

Our thanks to Mark Rowley for his IT expertise and for setting up the equipment and to Fr Frank Daly for inviting us.

June 18th 2015 – HeARTs & Minds Celebration of Volunteering - Aldersgate Assisted Living , Nuneaton

The celebration service of 'HeARTS and Minds' on 18th June was to mark the great success of a pioneering volunteering partnership between St Thomas More Sixth Form College, Nuneaton, Methodist Housing Association, Aldersgate Assisted Living, Nuneaton and the Pastoral Care Project.

The **HeARTs & Minds** initiative began in October 2014 and was included in detail in the Annual Report 2014-2015 but below is a summary of the aims and outcomes: To put in place a volunteering scheme whereby students could volunteer regularly (e.g. 1 hour a week) for a set number of weeks/months to visit residents in local care homes for the elderly. Benefits: building/strengthening links with the local community and contributing to the Catholic ethos of the school by valuing service and respect for the elderly through cross-generation interaction; students would gain in personal development and work experience and receive certificates.

The celebration was attended by the residents and the three volunteer students, along with the staff and the newly appointed chaplain to Aldersgate. The students were actively involved and as requested by the residents and staff, Melissa Pearce a volunteer with the Pastoral Care Project, used her skill of Sign Language to sign the Our Father prayer. The use of signing during hymns or prayers throughout this HEARTs and Minds pilot scheme resulted in a connection between residents and staff as they were so touched by the graciousness of Melissa. To conclude the celebration all the volunteers were presented with Certificates in Pastoral Skills.

September 26th 2015 – Prayer and Reflection Day at St Augustine’s, Solihull – ‘His Mercy is from Age to Age.’ Luke 1.49

Building on the afternoon retreat in April, St Augustine’s clergy team were very supportive in partnering the Pastoral Care Project in offering a half day of reflection in September, for those within in the Birmingham East Deanery as well as with local churches, enabling all to be better able to share the burden and anxieties of those with dementia and those who care for them.

The afternoon began in church where Fr Dominic Kavanagh welcomed everyone and the workshop leaders gave a short talk about their respective workshops enabling those present to decide which workshop they would like to attend:-

Sr Angela Murphy - ‘Rummaging for God’

Sr Angela Murphy - a Presentation Sister from Holy Souls Parish in Acocks Green, and involved in Lectio Divina with groups – a way of praying the scripture where you discover and respond to God’s presence in your life. She also leads Silent Prayer Groups where people come together and consent to God’s presence and action within them. It is a prayer in faith as we are allowing God to do whatever He wants.

Revd Mark Fisher, Solihull United Reformed Church Minister - ‘Moments’

Revd Mark Fisher, Minister of Solihull United Reformed Church also co-ordinates the ‘Moments’ group; how spiritual life and physical existence belong together. Christian faith is about this. When we lose touch with this world can we maintain a hope of the next?

Glenys Roberson - ‘Touched by Music’

Glenys Roberson, Musician, Kingsbury Mothers Union Leader. ‘Touched by Music’ is part of VOICE© and SINGING Café© produced by the Pastoral Care Project, created to help develop an awareness of our senses and understand the power of music, both vocal or instrumental which can touch each of us at a deep level often taking us by surprise, stirring the emotions. A special hymn/song may evoke feelings or memories in each of us... surprising...disturbing...a memory transcending our human experience. How do people with dementia respond?

Bishop David McGough, ‘His Mercy is from Age to Age’

In addition to being the lead speaker Bishop also celebrated the midday Mass with the parishioners. Bishop David’s talk ‘His Mercy is from Age to Age’ was based on the Year of Mercy. His words were inspirational as well as challenging. The talk was filmed for further study for the Pastoral Care Project trustees and staff, which proved providential as it was edited for wider use during Dementia Prayer Week (March 2016).

Victoria Caldwell 'For Better, for Worse'

The setting in to watch the 'For Better, for Worse' short film was very informal as people sat round the tables enjoying tea, scones and cakes. Victoria Caldwell – Assistant Buyer with a large retailer and Pastoral Care Project Volunteer produced and directed the film as part of her Art, Design and Media Communication Degree at Newman University. 'For Better for Worse' is a powerful story supported by the song 'Promise' by Ben Howard; a reminder that Alzheimer's Disease/dementia does not take away a person's essence or their humanity.

The delicious scones and cakes provided by parishioners were very much appreciated by everyone as they sat round the table sharing their own stories inspired by viewing the film, 'For Better, for Worse.'

The Day of Reflection concluded in church with a Service of Thanksgiving and Healing led by the clergy team and a team of musicians from St Peter's Secondary School, Solihull. Our thanks to the musicians for adding to the spiritual dimension of the day, especially during the time where people went forward for individual blessing. Our thanks also to everyone for their giving of their time and talents in preparing for the Year of Mercy and the ongoing work of the Pastoral Care Project.

September 26th 2015 – Annual General Meeting of Pastoral Care Project

Following on from the half day of prayer and reflection, St Augustine's kindly provided a room for our Annual General Meeting, enabling those who wanted to stay to find out more detail about the charitable work of the Pastoral Care Project.

The Chair welcomed those attending before presenting the Annual Report which was adopted. The Treasurer presented the Financial Report which was also adopted. The appointment of the Bank and Accountant were approved. The Chair thanked the volunteers for their commitment before closing with a reflection from the day.

October 10th 2015 – 'All Together' Diocese of Worcester

In June 2015 the Pastoral Care Project received an email enquiry from Dr Canon Michael Brierley, Precentor of Worcester Cathedral inviting us to lead a workshop at their 'All Together' event in the Cathedral in October; the Pastoral Care Project had been highly recommended to him and he enquired if we would be willing to give a workshop on the subject of 'Worshipping with people who have dementia'.

This was an unexpected invitation requiring additional time along with our other commitments, but we accepted feeling assured it was providential, as it was very much part of our mission. Drawing on our experience and the Project resources Touched by Music, part of VOICE and SINGING Café© produced by the Pastoral Care Project, a thirty minute session was prepared to help develop an awareness of our senses – how understanding the power of music will free our senses in our everyday life, and enable us to meet the Lord in our worship.

Nearer to the time we were informed that over nine hundred people were booked for the day's event and that ninety people had expressed an interest in our workshop. On the day we were made so welcome and the room for the workshop was perfect for the acoustics facilities. Glenys Roberson Musician and Vice – Chair of the Pastoral Care Project gave a taster session of communicating with people who have dementia using Sound and Senses and Touched by Music ©. Frances Molloy the Project Manager gave an introduction to leading worship, followed with a short service to link with what Glenys had spoken about.

The workshop was very beautiful, made so by the participation of the ninety or so people present; many stayed on to speak with us afterwards and others sent emails with links to their ministry with dementia. Our thanks to Rev Canon Michael Brieley, Bishop of Dudley and Sam Setchel for all their support.

Comments from the day:

"Extremely moving, inspirational and thought provoking"

"Thank you for your gentle approach."

November 2015 – Conference for Healthcare Chaplains, St Mary's University, Twickenham.

In August, Pia Matthews Programme Director for the Foundation Degree in Healthcare Chaplaincy at St Mary's University, Twickenham London contacted the Pastoral Care Project; she had come across the Pastoral Care Project website and was interested in the presentation material on dementia. Pia asked for a day for mature chaplains already involved in healthcare, and those working in Mental Health or in parishes. She was also interested in the creative approaches to communication for example SINGING Café© and the 'For Better for Worse' © film. There was also discussion about various ways that the website could be linked with the university.

On the day itself, the first session began with sharing about how the Pastoral Care Project began and its current mission; the 'For Better for Worse' © video helped with the opening discussion around the subject of dementia and its impact on families.

The second session, SINGING Café, Sounds and Senses –Touched by Music was led by Glenys Roberson which incorporated questions for group discussion and feedback with a more general discussion. The afternoon session which was led by Frances Molloy entitled 'Pastoral Companions' about ministry with the family and with the person who is approaching the end of their life, allowed those present to share their stories and experiences; there was time for one to one discussion around pastoral ministry and feedback on the difficulties sometimes experienced when ministering on hospital wards.

Unfortunately, hiccups with IT facilities prevented the viewing of Bishop David McGough's talk, 'His Mercy is from Age to Age' so Frances relayed sections of this talk from her notes, including reference to Dementia Prayer Week 12-19th March. This was their first awareness of the Prayer Week and many ideas were discussed including the widespread benefits for all ages. Information on Instructions for my Funeral Mass was also presented as this can be a valuable resource for chaplains. The day closed with a

reflection on 'His Mercy is from Age to Age.' Since the event, enquiries have been received from chaplains interested in leading services in care homes. Also, Instructions for my Funeral Mass has featured in Westminster Cathedral magazine, Oremus, resulting in more orders for copies of the document.

November 2015 - Services of Remembrance, Nuneaton.

10th November 2015 - Service of Remembrance, Cheverel Place:

This year residents and staff of the sheltered housing complex were joined by the choir from Our Lady of the Angels Infant School, Nuneaton Methodist Church Choir, Hinckley ex-servicemen Standard Bearers and Bugler, Alan Haywood. The Mayor of Nuneaton and Bedworth, Councillor Barry Longden and Mayoress Joan Longden also attended and laid the first wreath; followed by the residents then two children from the school laid the wreath they had created especially for the event.

A special moment at the beginning of the Service, just after the children accompanied by teachers had arrived and took their place. The choir took the lead by singing just one line of 'Be still and know I am God' and the children immediately joined in, they continued to sing all three verses – their confidence and the purity of their voices was deeply touching, setting the scene for a moving and prayerful event. At the end of the service the Mayor thanked everyone for attending and spoke the children presenting them with a Certificate from the Pastoral Care Project in recognition of their wonderful contribution and also in creating the beautiful wreath.

12th November 2015 - Service of Remembrance, Stan Williams Court:

This year St Joseph's Junior School Choir, head teacher and staff attended, joining residents and staff of the sheltered housing complex. The children led the music and their singing was amazingly good even without accompaniment. Our thanks to members of Nuneaton Methodist Church Choir, to Lee Taylor of Nuneaton Scouts for sounding the Last Post and Reveille, the City of Coventry Standard Bearers Association and Pastoral Care Project Volunteers. The Deputy Mayor Councillor Jill Sheppard and Cllr Bill Sheppard attended the event and towards the end, she spoke with the children before presenting them with a Certificate from the Pastoral Care Project for participating; their wonderful singing and creating the two wreaths which included individual thoughts representing their school.

The Pastoral Care Project is always so thankful to the many people who make these events so meaningful for all those in attendance; the sounding of the 'Last Post' and Reveille is always a solemn moment as the flags are dipped in salute and wreaths are laid in memory of the fallen. It is a poignant moment too, during the time of prayer as the scheme managers from each complex read out the names of their deceased residents from the complexes' Books of Remembrance. The names of the residents who passed away during the year is very emotional as they are much loved and missed members of the complex.

These events are more than just remembering the past, they are prayerful, reconciling and renewing bringing all ages in the community together. Listening to residents afterwards and hearing their stories is a very precious time; they are so grateful to be remembered in this way and really appreciate the Services and the children coming to visit them.

Online Pastoral Care Project Christmas Message – December 2015

The Pastoral Care Project wishes to thank Bishop David McGough Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and lead Bishop to the Pastoral Care Project for his Christmas Message which was produced as a Christmas card and made available to download from the website. The artwork on the Christmas card was the inspiration of Mya aged 6 who created this lovely Star.

Message from Bishop David McGough



"This Christmas, and at the beginning of the Year of Mercy, let us remember that the vulnerable child born at Bethlehem is the face of the Father's mercy. I shall offer mass on Tuesday 22nd December for the Pastoral Project, its workers, supporters and the many people it cares for."

As the Pastoral Care Project had received a generous funeral donation and a donation from a carer it meant that a Christmas Newsletter could be produced and sent to people who receive our support. It was also sent electronically to our connections at home and overseas – one of the great advantages of social media.

January 2016 Preparation for Dementia Prayer Week 12-19th March 2016

Dementia Prayer Week 12-19th March 2016 focused on the Year of Mercy and we wish to thank the Rt Rev David McGough, for his message:

"Dementia is a degenerative disease which tends to isolate both the sufferer and the families that surround them. Confronted with this condition we naturally feel inadequate. Prayer is one very powerful way of connecting with all concerned. Let us pray for, and with, those whose lives have been touched by dementia. In this way we become one with them, and with the Lord. Let us remember that whatever we do must flow from the mercy of God that alone transforms our hearts, enabling us to reach out with a compassionate love, making us channels of his mercy. Let this Dementia – Prayer Week become your link to the many families struggling with dementia." Rt Rev David McGough, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and since 2011 has been Lead Bishop to the Pastoral Care Project.

The trustees and staff met together in January to reflect and share what Bishop David's words meant personally and collectively before producing the Dementia Prayer Week resources. It was from watching again, the film 'His Mercy is from Age to Age' and hearing the words spoken by Bishop David that guided us to wanting to edit his talk and share it with others through our website and social media.

Preparing for the forthcoming Dementia Prayer Week 12-19th March 2016 with diminutive funding was challenging but the Advent Appeal donations helped enormously to benefit of those we serve.

Discussions with Catholic Today provided the opportunity that the inside back cover of Walk with Me Lent and Easter book for the Pastoral Care Project Annual Appeal and the Dementia Prayer, giving it a wider distribution than we could have ever thought possible ourselves. This way 250,000 people could say the prayer each day, as it well as being available in churches. Thinking back to when the Dementia Prayer Week initiative first began, with a small group of people in a care home in 2009, to what it is today is truly extraordinary - the power of prayer and the impact that it has had, which we hear about from time to time through social media or people contacting the office.

Although the inclusion in Walk with Me was great news we were still struggling with lack of funding to produce resources for parishes, care homes and schools. Then we were invited by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales Day for Life Fund to apply for a grant. It was quiet daunting completing the application in a few days as those who are familiar with grant applications will know timescales are often tight. We were delighted to hear mid-February that we had been awarded the full amount of our grant application of £3,467.00, meaning we were able to produce a comprehensive Information and Resources packs which proved to be so helpful to the many who downloaded it from our website.

We edited Bishop David McGough's inspirational talk, 'His Mercy is from Age to Age,' filmed in September 2015 into a two minute video clip. We are grateful for the support of Catholic Media for posting it on national websites and to Catholic Today for posting it on the Birmingham Diocese website and Facebook page.

An iPad was also purchased for efficiency in giving presentations and it is most helpful when visiting people as well as promoting Dementia Prayer Week on Social Media. In addition to Twitter, a Facebook page was set up helping to generate more awareness and furthering existing links with the Columban Missionary Society who have supported the Pastoral Care Project for many years. Facebook has proved a most efficient way of communicating with dioceses, organisations and many schools.

The Pastoral Care Project wishes to thank His Eminence Vincent Gerard Cardinal Nichols and his Bishops throughout England and Wales for their support and for disseminating information and resources to their clergy, also Gail Sainsbury at the Mental Health Project, Maggie Doherty at Catholic Media and the Conference of Religious as well as individual religious communities for their continued support.

We also wish to thank the Archbishop of Birmingham Rt. Rev Bernard Longley for his prayers and support and to Caritas, along with the parishes, schools and individuals who are very much part of the growth in Dementia Prayer Week.

Requests were received for our Dementia Prayer Cards and so three thousand were printed with the Year of Mercy on the reverse; these were sent to Fr Stephen Beale, Sons of Divine Providence in Liverpool diocese who again this year distributed two thousand among deaneries and community connections. Fr Daly in Ballycastle Down and Connor ordered five hundred for his parish and the remainder were issued to carers and those who contacted the office.

We wish to thank the Church of England Birmingham Diocese for promoting the Week and the resources on their website, also Church of England Coventry Diocese and Worcester Diocese for promoting and disseminating information. Our thanks also to the Mental Health Project, Christians Together England and Wales, Catholic Universe, and Churches Together England. The Conference of Religious, Birmingham Ecumenical News and Kingsbury Mothers' Union; as well as the local press for promoting and enabling many people to join in prayer.

The response has been magnificent. It is true to say from feedback that this year Prayer has increased with the distribution of 250,000 copies of Walk with Me. The concern for those who may suffer and those who care for them can easily be forgotten as the illness can cause isolation preventing people from attending church. Walk with Me is just one way of helping people to feel closer to the church community.

It is always great to hear the difference a few people in a parish can make from taking the Pastoral Care Project's online resources, to create an initiative in their area, for example:-

St Joseph the Worker, Bidford-on-Avon: the parish has actively supported Dementia Prayer Week for the last two years by offering Mass and holding a collection for our work. They have also set up a dementia café in their parish and we were delighted to send them resources to assist with this initiative.

St Joseph & St Etheldreda, Rugeley: Fr Peter Stonier along with three of his parishioners attended our AGM in 2013 as they were interested in hearing more about the Pastoral Care Project 'Pastoral Companions' spirituality course; with the view of setting up a pastoral group in the parish to meet their specific needs - they now run a 'Dementia Companions' group.

Many letters and emails received from Diocese, parishes and organisations throughout Britain and Ireland along with overseas missionary societies shows us the great concern for families and the need for resources to help those affected in some way by dementia.

Prayer and Events during Dementia Prayer Week 12th -19th March 2016

Nationally: We wish to acknowledge the support of Cardinal Vincent Nichols and his Bishops for writing to us assuring us of their prayers and for the Masses they offered. Our thanks to everyone who prayed and to those who notified us in advance; the importance of posting information online ensured visitors to the website know that there was widespread prayer taking place, which can be of great comfort. It may also inspire others to ask their church to join in, ensuring that people with dementia and those who care for them as family or professionals are included and not forgotten. The weekend masses of the 12/13th March many Cathedrals and Churches (too many to mention individually) included Dementia Prayer Week in the Bidding Prayers, many also offered to include the Prayer in their newsletter. Below is the information we received early and posted online.

Liverpool Diocese: Sons of Divine Providence ordered and distributed two thousand Dementia/Year of Mercy prayer cards among deaneries and community connections. They invited the local Mayor and various speakers representing the community to Cardinal Heenan House and for the first time they invited the primary school children too. They were inspired by the Pastoral Care Project HeARTS and Minds volunteering initiative.

St Teresa Parish Bishop Tom Williams also visited on the Day of Prayer and celebrated mass. Proceeds from the day were in aid of Pastoral Care Project totaling £161.00. They really appreciated the online resources, in particular Bishop David McGough's video clip. Full coverage of their Day of Prayer was featured in the Catholic Universe.

Wrexham Diocese: Through our connections with Marriage & Family Life we were contacted by Margaret Hinton in the Wrexham diocese as they were interested in the producing a Spiritual Reminiscence Box. The Pastoral Care Project was delighted to have supported them in the early stages of the initiative and their Reminiscence Box was launched in March 2016.

Birmingham:

Our thanks to the many parishes who joined in prayer and printed the prayer in their newsletters. Below are those who sent us feedback and donations:-

St Anne's Streetly, Weekend Masses Prayers and collection for our work.

Holy Family Parish, Coventry - Prayers throughout the week and weekend Masses.

St Benedict's Church Atherstone - Dementia Prayer at weekday and weekend Masses

Holy Name Church, Birmingham - Prayers throughout the week.

Our Lady of the Angels and St Peter in Chains, Stoke on Trent – Prayer each day.

St Joseph the Worker, Bidford-on-Avon – prayers at weekend Masses and a collection for the Pastoral Care Project.

St Augustine's Solihull - Dementia Prayer each day after Mass also linked with school Mass and a bucket collection at the weekend masses.

Cardiff:

Information received from the Bridgend deanery with whom we have longstanding connections. This Year of Mercy the Annual Mass for people with Dementia and those who care for and minister to them (*family members, friends, carers, Eucharistic Ministers, SVP members*), will be celebrated by Archbishop George Stack on Wednesday 16th March 2016 at 12:00 Noon in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bridgend, followed by refreshments. St. Mary's, Bridgend, is one of the five churches to house a "Holy Door". You may wish to consider making a special Pilgrimage on this day as a Parish or as individuals and come together to pray for all those who experience the effects of Dementia. The Sacrament of the Sick will be given to those who suffer with Dementia and their carers.

Down and Connor: St Patrick's & Brigid's Parish, Ballycastle, N. Ireland - Prayer included in all daily and weekend masses, Watching the mass live via the live link and hearing the prayer was very touching, www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-and-st-brigids-church-ballycastle no doubt many more people had a similar experience. Prayer Cards were purchased for parishioners, care homes and the hospital.

Planned events covering each of the Days – info sent to us prior to the week:

12th March

Ecumenical Day of Prayer Cardinal Heenen House, Uppholland.
Mass at St Teresa's, Upholland celebrated by Bishop Williams.
Pastoral Care Project Prayer Service at St Georges House.

14th March

Bishop David McGough offered his private Mass for individual intentions.

15th March

St Philomena's Convent Institute of Our Lady of Mercy, Care Home Derby – Day of Prayer and talk by Dementia Care Centre Manager and refreshments. Dementia Prayer Cards purchased for visitors.

Attleborough Grange Care Home, Nuneaton - Thanksgiving Service led by Pastoral Care Project Team.

Toddler Group of Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton held a 'YELLOW Day' including prayer (more information in schools section)

16th March

Cardiff Diocese 12:00 Noon in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bridgend, the Annual Mass
Mass St Joseph's Junior School and Our Lady of the Angels, Parish, Nuneaton Mass
(more information in schools section)

St Augustine's, Solihull - parish linked School and parish mass and focused on dementia at the level of children understanding.

17th March

St Thomas More Catholic Academy and Sixth Form, Nuneaton, prayer and awareness. (refer to schools section)

SS Patrick & Brigid Parish, Ballycastle, N. Ireland - 'St Patrick's Day' Mass focused on Dementia, almsgiving with tea in Crypt organised by SVP.

Mass Our Lady of the Angels Infant School and Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Nuneaton Tea, Scones and almsgiving in hall (more information in schools section)

18th March

Wrexham Cathedral - Midday Mass at Bishop Peter Brignall.

St Benedict's Primary School, Atherstone - Stations of the Cross (more information in schools section)

St Anne's Church, Nuneaton Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00–7.00 and Mass 7.00pm

St Joseph's Junior School, Nuneaton - Stations of the Cross (more information in schools section)

Holy Family Primary School Coventry - Prayer every Friday and each day in Lent (more information in schools section)

19th March

Mass at St Joseph's Church Arley, Nr Nuneaton. The Pastoral Care Project was invited to make and appeal in July in St Joseph's and St Anne's in July.

Schools and Colleges activities during and following Dementia Prayer Week 12-19th March 2016

The Pastoral Care Project places immense value on the continued and strong links with schools by providing online resources and leading awareness assemblies near to the office base. We are so thankful to the Birmingham Diocesan Schools Commission for their continued support. Our thanks to every school who prayed and those who held almsgiving/ fundraising events in aid of our charitable work.

in addition to pledging to pray during the week they donate to our work through their Lenten alms-giving and organised specific events dedicated to dementia linking with lesson plans.

The following information shows the great effort from the schools who supported the Week again this year.

15th May 2015 –St John Fisher Primary School, Coventry

The Project Manager was again this year invited to visit and share with the school what the charity had achieved during the year. Year 6 adapted our 'Rainbow' presentation by giving a dramatised version to the whole school assembly and a donation of £100.00 was also presented to the Pastoral Care Project from their Lent almsgiving.

1st July 2015 –Thomas More School of Technology and Sixth Form College, Nuneaton

Frances Molloy the Project Manager was invited to give an assembly to Year 9 pupils, and was accompanied by Jean Whitehead Assistant Manager from Aldersgate Assisted Housing in Nuneaton where the HeARTs and Minds volunteering programme took place, she thanked the staff and pupils for making such a wonderful difference to the lives of the people who live there and invited the school to continue to initiative. A cheque from the schools for £500.00 was presented to the Pastoral Care Project for their charitable work.

11th September 2015 - Holy Family Primary School, Coventry

The school has supported the charity for many years and invited the Project Manager to lead an Assembly. To her surprise she was presented with a Box filled with coins totaling £283.40 for the charity's work. The school prays the Dementia Prayer each Friday during term time and every day throughout the Prayer Week.

14th March 2016 - St Elizabeth's Primary School, Coventry

St Elizabeth's Primary School, Coventry chose the Pastoral Care Project as one of their four charity beneficiaries of their Centenary Year and in preparation the school had created their own Pastoral Care Project Banner by sourcing resources from our website. So, Frances Molloy was invited to lead as Assembly at the beginning of Dementia Prayer Week, focusing of awareness of music and the sense of touch. Our thanks to them for choosing this area of mission for their centenary year.

An Easter Card was received from the school – a pupil sent it on behalf of the pupils and staff to thank us for sharing with them, and assuring us that they would be praying for people with dementia, and our charity.

15th March 2016 - Toddler Group - Our Lady of the Angels, Nuneaton

The Toddler Group held a YELLOW Day – everyone wearing something yellow and having fun through yellow artwork to create a prayer board for the church. They invited Frances Molloy to visit and say a few words about the charity before saying the Dementia Prayer. Those attending had donated the fee for the day totaling £44.00 to the Pastoral Care Project.

"It was interesting to seeing how attentive the little ones of one or two years old became once the prayer began - they were so attentive. It was also good to meet parents and grandparents many of whom had family members with dementia. It is important not to forget the little ones – for we were all little once." F. Molloy

17th March 2016 - St Thomas More School of Technology and Sixth Form College, Nuneaton

St Thomas More School of Technology & Sixth Form College, Nuneaton The Sixth Form College deputy head Mrs N Anderton for downloading online resources and promoting the Prayer Leaflets in the College and School. The students viewed the film 'For Better for Worse' produced and directed by Victoria Caldwell, former student. Discussions followed in tutor groups. Our thanks to the college their continued support for this important week through prayer and learning.

18th March 2016 - St Augustine's Primary School, Atherstone

St Benedicts Primary School Atherstone included dementia reflections in their school Stations of the Cross, and an invitation to visit in 2016/17.

18th March 2016 - Holy Family Primary School, Coventry

The Holy Family School Coventry School pledged to support the Project in producing its song 'I have Loved you'. A meeting had taken place with the head of music to discuss how the lyrics could be adapted to suit the children's voices.

The Project Manager was invited to give assembly in March 2016 but instead she was invited to take a seat - the whole school sang their version of the song 'I have loved you'. It was overwhelming, so moving and so unexpected. Plans are in progress for the song will be available for Dementia Prayer Week 2017.

Our Lady of the Wayside Primary School, Solihull

The head teacher contacted the office to confirm they would be offering prayers during Dementia Prayer Week and arranged with us to visit the school in the summer term an event which would include parishioners. They also pledged a donation to our charitable work.

Our Lady of the Angels Infant School, Nuneaton - YELLOW Day – Day of Hope, Memory Walk

Sitting chatting with the head teacher who has been so actively supportive over the years and thinking of new initiatives for a YELLOW day was then discussed among the staff who came up with the idea of a Memory Walk. This is what took place.

"As part of our Almsgiving for Lent, we arranged a memory walk in order to support the Pastoral Care Project within the parish. We placed several pictures of yellow items in Riversley Park. We then took any children who wanted to take part, for a walk in the park to see what they could spot. When they got back to school, we gave them a sheet on which to draw or write however many items they could remember. Pictures included bananas, lemons, 'bird's, etc.

We spoke to the children at an age appropriate level about dementia, and how people are robbed of their memory. We also had some fun playing games that rely on the children's memory. Children taking part received a certificate. Many children took part in this and other activities and we raised £278.00 for the charity."

The annual Dementia Prayer Week is ongoing and we are already making preparations for its eighth year, 12-19th March 2017 and pray that it will be an annual event in every diocese, parish, places of education, workplace and home.

Networking, Resources and Social Media

The Pastoral Care Project has links on many national and regional websites. We also have an entry in the Birmingham Diocesan Directory. Throughout this report you will have read of our many links where you can freely download information and resources. There are additional resources which we sell from the office. These are produced because they are important resources for parishes but also help our work financially.

Catholic Today - Birmingham Diocesan Monthly Newspaper

Catholic Today column provides us with the opportunity to share our experiences over the last twenty five years of being with the frail elderly – leading Eucharistic Services and Ecumenical Services with teams of lay people, as well as Pastoral Training in Religious and Community Care Homes and with Parish/Deanery Groups.

The Column also helps us raise awareness of the resources available for schools, and individuals who may be caring for the elderly family members.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales - Day for Life Grant

The Catholic Bishops Conference Day for Life Fund has been actively involved through the provision of a grant and in disseminating information among their networks.

Instructions for my Funeral Mass/Care of the Dying document

Instructions for my Funeral Mass document is produced by the Pastoral Care Project and approved by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Extract from the Message within the document. *"Completing this document will make it so much easier for your family or friends to make the arrangements for your funeral at what will be a sad and difficult time for them. More importantly if your family are not Catholics, or have lapsed from the practice of their faith, or where there is no family around to ensure that your wishes are followed, it ensures that you will receive what is your right as a member of the Catholic Church."*

His Eminence Vincent Gerard Cardinal Nichols

There has been a strong and consistent demand for copies of Instructions for my Funeral Mass this year both from individuals and parishes in all of the dioceses.

A number of clergy have shared with us how they were holding Awareness Afternoons in their parishes to encourage parishioners of every age to make use of the Instructions for my Funeral Mass document and to assist those parishioners who may require some support in talking through their choices or needing assistance, due to frailty, to fill in the form. Many individuals have told us how enriching it was not just reflecting on their own death but also reflecting on the death of relatives; in many ways it engaged more fully with younger members of the family speaking of past generations; a subject which is becoming more important each year due to widespread interest in ancestry research.

The ordering of resources was also highlighted at the Birmingham Deans meeting, offering each deanery the opportunity to order with 'one point of delivery' thus reducing their delivery charges and their admin time. It would also reduce the admin of the Project worker whose hours have been reduced due to lack of funding.

Parishes, health care providers and funeral directors may wish to order supplies of Instructions for my Funeral Mass by downloading the online order form www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk or using the new online shop. The website offers an online shop which is the most effective way forward - accessible to people at a time convenient to them.

General Resources

The future plan is to continue seeking sponsorship or donations to enable us to update the resources in the office and upload them for wider use. This will help individuals, families and those involved in pastoral or health care, education and vocational courses.

Volunteers

This year sadly we said farewell to Melissa Pearce as her volunteering came to an end and wish her well with her future career - without her committed and volunteering skills the HeARTS and Mind initiative would not have taken place.

We also said farewell to the three amazing students from St Thomas More Sixth Form College, Kathleen, Annie and Kate who also helped create HeARTS and Minds by visiting and responding creatively to the pastoral needs of residents at Aldersgate, Nuneaton. They received training from the Pastoral Care Project team; Frances Molloy, Mellissa Pearce and Victoria Caldwell. Our thanks to Mr Hickey, Mrs Doherty and Mr Bath from St Thomas More School; to Mr Neil Lowe and Mrs Anderton from Sixth Form for their support and for providing training facilities. Receiving a thank you card and box of flowers from the college was lovely; so thoughtful - a pleasure to work with them and to have achieved so much together.

The time people give in an ad hoc way depends on events which is always deeply appreciated, whether is baking scones, cakes or general help it is all very important.

The number of charity volunteers is currently eleven. Some of them help in the office, or with annual events or prayer days; their time and talents are important and valued.

Website, Videos and Social Media

We have benefited massively from the Website/Media Training, funded by the Day for Life grant, resulting in uploading videos ourselves. Several more films will be edited in due course and upload to the website. We would welcome people with IT skills who would like to make a difference from working with a small charity which provides resources nationally.

Spiritual Reflection

In memory of Michael Cauchi - *1st December 1924 to 17th October 2015*

This reflection is dedicated to Michael Cauchi who passed away on 17th October 2015. I was first introduced to Michael by a member of the SVP in Nuneaton, at a time Michael was caring for his wife who was living with dementia. He was concerned about her spiritual care and their isolation, as they loved being with people.

I visited them at home several times, and on one occasion he shared a few of his poems with me, written by him many years earlier. I like poetry, and so we chatted - I gently reminded him of this wonderful gift that the Lord had given, him and that the Lord never takes back a gift. I had come to know Michael quite well, and knew he would think about this. The few weeks later I received a poem in the post with a letter to say he had rediscovered his love of writing poetry.

He and his wife came to a Pastoral Care Project *Quiet Days* and found great solace in being with people in similar circumstances; time for reflection and time to share over lunch – it was wonderful. Pastoral care continued for them both, which Michael took great comfort from, especially with his wife coming close to the end of her earthly life.

I remember one of the first things he said afterwards, "*Frances, can I stay with the Pastoral Care Project – what can I do?*" So his role of carer changed to that of volunteer. He gave love and was loved by so many people; contributing to the annual Services of Remembrance and indeed taught us the protocol; so together the Services became formal and incorporated space for prayer, healing and hope.

He always wanted to give more and donated £2,500 to the Pastoral Care Project in memory of his wife – his way of sharing with people from what he had himself received. However, Michael still wasn't content, and in 2014 asked if he could become a charity trustee, which he did. Sadly that was only to be for a short time, but his wish of staying with the Pastoral Care Project continued to the end. His family had taken his 'We Care' poem for the funeral bookmark and chose the Pastoral Care Project as his Funeral Mass charity.

We are so proud to have learned from the wisdom, companionship, prayer and joyful humour of this wonderful man. Our condolences to his lovely family whom we have come to know over the years, they must miss him so much; we miss him, and dedicate this poem which was one of the early ones he sent to us.

Frances Molloy
Project Manager

Long is the Night

Long is the night when you
Wait the dawning
Long is the wait and the waiting
In darkness which knows
No let,
Interminably.
But, after the hours steeped in black
Comes in splendour the Goddess
Aurora.
She hastens the sun to cast
The darkness mantle aside
And behold the sun like a great plate
Of beaten gold
Begins its slow ascent.
The rim of the horizon is burning ...
Burning bright ...
Bright with reds and orange and yellow.
The dawning comes firing
The low clouds with a burn
Of colours –
An artist's palette smeared
With colourings.
The slowly brightening morn is heralded
By awakening birds singing
Their morning Gloria
'Oh Lord who makes all things wondrous'
Glory be to the Father ...
Be gone the darkness
Be gone ...
The night did last long.
That night, so many with failing pulse
Had fought the night for day.
Once more, and one last glimpse
Of the dawning.
One more breathing of the dawning,
One more ...
And then we will await that
Wonder dawning –
The Third Day.

In humility
Michael Cauchi
11.10.05

Financial Overview - Treasurer

The Pastoral Care Project is very grateful for the continued financial support received from the Archdiocese of Birmingham and Father Hudson's Care making up 69% our running costs. The remainder has been received from the generosity of many parishes, schools and individuals – our thanks to them for their generous donations and for taking our work to heart.

Our thanks to the parishes that purchased Instructions for my Funeral Mass, which provides an important service to parishioners, and supports the work of the Pastoral Care Project. A grant from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales - Day for Life Fund of £3,467.00 helped the Pastoral Care Project immensely with the preparations for the annual Dementia Prayer Week 12-19th March 2016.

Thank you to all those who supported the annual appeal by praying, giving alms and parish collections during Dementia Prayer Week. In addition, there have been a few unexpected and most welcome donations received, those working with the elderly and those with the very young. We also received a donation from a priest in Rome; his kind words were also very heartening.

This is such worthwhile charity which has touched the hearts of people throughout the UK and abroad - it has grown so by the number of people who connect with us, for example, having the Dementia Prayer in Walk with Me Lent book reached 250,000 people. God willing, Dementia Prayer Week 12-19th March 2017 will continue to reach out and touch the lives of more people. Please consider pledging your support whether in organising an event in your parish, workplace or school.

Securing income is vital for the continuation of this charity in relieving the distress of many people at their time of need. At the beginning of this current financial year, general financial restrictions impacted severely and in order to keep the charity running, cutbacks to paid working hours had to be made (the Project Manager's hours were reduced from three days down to two days per week; several hours are worked on a voluntary basis, and the Admin Support hours were reduced from twelve to six hours per week). This was not ideal - the volume of work weighs heavily and we do appeal for contributions to our work whether through time, skills or financial support to ensure that we can continue to provide information, resources and support to parishes and individuals who contact us for support.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing prayer support and encouragement of this charity. We are grateful for every donation in these difficult times and we know from the letters received that people are touched by who we are. Donations towards our work can be made by cheque, made payable to 'Pastoral Care Project' and addressed to Frances Molloy, Project Manager, Pastoral Care Project, St George's House, Gerards Way, Coleshill, B46 3FG, or donate online via our website www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk Should you wish to donate by BACS please contact the office on 01675 434035 for details.

Leema Philips
Treasurer

PASTORAL CARE PROJECT
Accounts
31 March 2016

Beasley & Co.
Chartered Accountants
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PASTORAL CARE PROJECT - Charity No 1094766
Receipts And Payments Account For The Year Ended
31 March 2016

£		£
31/3/2014		
12,480.97	Balance at Bank, 1 April 2015	5,849.79
21,607.37	Receipts: Grants and Donations	23,948.84
2,554.90	Resource sales and Pastoral Fees	3,863.73
14.73	Bank Interest	4.23
24,177.00		27,816.80
2,689.57	Payments: Equipment and Resources	1,831.17
23,428.16	Wages -Project Manager and Part Time Assistant	14,290.31
2,200.00	Office Rent and Services (In Kind)	2,200.00
636.00	Telephone	519.00
670.99	Postages and Stationery	594.56
241.57	Insurance	245.51
-	Internet	169.50
35.00	Subscriptions and licences	41.75
372.69	Travelling Expenses	493.44
35.00	AGM and Events costs	247.00
-	Training costs	90.00
-	Promotion Expenses etc	940.00
499.20	Accountancy	499.20
30,808.18		22,161.44
5,849.79	Balance at 31st March 2016	11,505.15

PASTORAL CARE PROJECT

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of the Pastoral Care Project

I report on the receipts and payments account of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2016, which is set on page 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you may consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Bias of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

in connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect of the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting?

Requirements of the Act. have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Beasley & Co. Chartered Accountants

15th August 2016

PASTORAL CARE PROJECT

Charity Information

31 March 2016

Charity Trustees

Sheevaun Sparkes (Chair)
Glenys Roberson (Vice-Chair)
Leema Philips (Treasurer)
Ingrid Klabisz J.P. (retired 2016)
Frances Ashley
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Donations

The Pastoral Care Project is reliant on donations to continue its charitable work of providing resources and raising awareness of the spiritual needs of the frail elderly – enabling carers to support them in their journey to the fullness of life. Therefore every donation is important. Please consider sharing in our mission by making a donation. Donations can be monthly or annually or in memory of a loved one or for a special event.

Should you wish to pay directly through your bank please contact us for our bank account details. Thank you for considering our request.



Registered Charity No 1094766

GIFT AID

The Pastoral Care Project is grateful to individuals who send us donations. If you are a tax payer and sending a donation you may wish to complete the Gift Aid form so that the Project can reclaim tax from the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Pastoral Care Project – Registered Charity No 1094766

Gift Aid Declaration

Title _____ Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Telephone _____ e-mail _____

Please treat as Gift Aid all donations I have made to the Pastoral Care Project over the past four years and all donations I make thereafter until I advise otherwise. I understand the Pastoral Care Project will reclaim tax on every donation that I give. 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 gains tax at least equal to the tax that the Pastoral Care Project reclaims on your donations in the tax year (at the current rate).

Signed _____ Date _____

Post to: Project Manager, Pastoral Care Project, St George's House, Gerards Way, Coleshill B46 3FG

Thank you for considering our work.

FUTURE PLANS – 2016/17

Annual Events

Annual Dementia Prayer Week 12- 19th March 2017

Develop HeARTS and Minds volunteering programme with schools/care settings/parishes

School assemblies

Conference workshops – Retreats

Mental Health Chaplains Retreat Oct 2016 - organised by Mental Health Project

Retreat – Days of Prayer

Trustees and Staff Day of Reflection – Sept led by Bishop David McGough

Networking

Links with churches, schools, organisations and individuals

Resources

Dementia Information for Parishes

Instructions for my Funeral Mass

Critical Illness and Care of the Dying

Presentations for Schools and Parishes

IT

Updating website and resources:

- Editing photographs setting up website gallery
- Editing videos and uploading to website

Develop online shop resources

Recruit new trustees and new volunteers

Recruit Trustees

Promote volunteering

Developing skills in assisting with training

Funding

Seeking partners to further the charitable work

Grants to expand charitable work

Raise awareness of gift aid and online giving

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