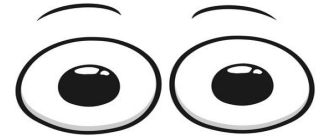


C&B NEWS & VIEWS

January 2023



PRAY FOR CAMBERLEY On the evening of Tuesday 06/Dec, we had our fourth evening of prayer at St. Martin's Church on the Old Dean as part of Churches Together in Camberley's #PrayForCamberley series.

Similar to previous evenings, starting with tea/coffee and a social time, we met members of other congregations in Camberley. Rev. Chris Richardson spoke initially and shared how, through a strong foundation of ongoing prayer, the congregation at St. Martin's had focussed on serving the local community. Partnering with the Old Dean Community Group, St. Martin's had set up a **weekly Free Food Stall** to help with food poverty which has been running for over two years. St. Martin's also has renewed interest in Christianity with several people returning or joining the worshipping community. Following a time of worship, we broke up into small groups to pray together either out loud or silently. The themes included praying for encounters with those in our community, supporting those in desperate need and the mission of our churches over Christmas. The next prayer evening is currently being planned for February or March. The exact date and location once confirmed will be published via the parish newsletter. We are partnering with St. Martin's on collecting non-perishable food which you can leave in the box at the rear of Christ the King / Sts. Peter & John / St. Tarcisius churches.



Remembrance Poppy Display

The parish poppy memorial display which was created by; Anna Cassidy, Tani Shreeve, Angela Sutton, Charlotte Neep, Frances Conolly, Rosemarie Weneden, Anne Nash, Norah Ratcliffe, Kathy Conroy, Elaine D'Souza and Sandie O'Hanlon, went on display for the first time in November. 2022. The fishing net is representative of Christ who was the fisher of men and it was fitting that those brave souls who lost their life for the good of mankind should be remembered in this way. Parishioners were able to make a donation to SAAFA whilst hooking a poppy on the display to represent a deceased loved one. These poppies will be sewn into the display before the next Remembrance Sunday. Over £75 was raised for SAAFA .



CAFOD Soup Lunch



After midday Mass at Ss Peter & John church on a cold December day about 40 parishioners were welcomed to a soup lunch prepared by the CAFOD group. They enjoyed a variety of delicious homemade soups and a chance to chat to fellow parishioners and friends. Donations given for the CAFOD Afghanistan crisis appeal amounted to £600 making the total for 2022 for Afghanistan £2535. This total includes £825 donations from the CAFOD 'pyramid' boxes. Many thanks to the parish for their support.



Wreath Making Workshop

The wreath has long been associated with Advent and Christmas symbolising eternal life. So we decided it was a good idea to have a go at making our own. Debbie, Corrine, Charlotte and Jane organised the event with all the pre booked tickets snapped up. On the afternoon of the 1st Sunday of Advent about 25 parishioners gathered at St. Tarcisius' Hall; young and maybe not so young, some who had never made a wreath before and others who had participated previously including Father Paul. !

Most of the greenery was provided but those who could, also brought some and as well as holly (very prickly!) and ivy, it is astonishing the variety of evergreen leaves we found. Then the creative process began of choosing, snipping and placing sprigs of leaves into the wreath base. With the addition of candles or a bow, we each made a unique decoration to take home. There was time to chat with refreshments and admire the beautiful wreaths we had produced. So much more satisfying than buying one

Love Christmas 22

Thanks to the generosity of our Camberley and Bagshot parishioners this year's Love Christmas Campaign was a great success. We were able to deliver parcels to St Augustine's RC primary school, St John the Baptist RC secondary School, Bagshot 1st school, Connaught Junior school, The Hope Hub in Camberley and our local SVP group. Each group expressed their thanks for the joy we brought to them this Christmas.



TRINITY TROOPERS YOUTH CLUB

Meet on the second Friday of the month at St Tarcisius Hall (7.30pm) for children in school years 4—7. The group resumed in the autumn under the new leadership of Roccio, Suzanne and Natasha. Each evening has a theme.



Theme: Remembrance Day



Theme: Advent



Theme: the Epiphany

The children and adults have a wonderful time . If you would like to connect with other children and families in your parish in a social setting, please contact Fr Paul about joining the Trinity Troopers Youth Club.