



PASTORAL CARE & NURTURE

Coordination Group

Meeting held on Monday 13th November 2006

Present:

Beryl, Denzil, Stephen

1. Prayer Tree

Used once or twice already and a useful resource to have.

2. Prayer Time

Posters have been put up and now it is monthly it seems more successful.

3. Children's Toy Bags

Used already and all is ok but we need to make sure people know about them: posters on walls and notice on weekly newsletters etc.

4. Nurture: Baptism

Although no volunteers have come forward as 'link persons' the new process should work ok. When the next baptism comes in Stephen will ask particular people for their help and involvement with this 'link'. New leaflets for Godparents have been printed.

5. Prayer Cards

Some prayer cards/book marks were given out but it was agreed that we should get hold of the cards which contain prayers, Bible readings and meditations for those in hospital, and also have a few cards available to buy in church. The prayer cards near the statue of Our Lady had all gone and requests for more have been made.

6. Leaflets

We will aim to leaflet some streets in the parish to advertise our Christmas services. Agreed to have some leaflets available in church for those who want to hand them out and also to deliver leaflets as a group to the Kingsway area streets on Monday 4th December - meet at Rectory at 1pm.

7. Party for those who live alone

Stephen to sort out a convenient date with Evergreens.

8. Junior Church

We wished to thank the Junior Church for their contribution to the Remembrance Sunday service and for making the wreath and display.

9. Nurture: Funerals & Bereavement

This is the next big area for this group to look at. We should find out which other churches offer a bereavement counselling or befriending service and then ask them for help and advice. We will look at this in the new year as our next major topic.

10. Nurture: Faith & Life

We had in the past talked briefly about the idea of a study/Bible group other than the usual Advent/Lent groups. At the next meeting we will look at ways of organising this along the idea of a monthly evening in the lighter nights and at a level which is easily accessible (eg. The idiot's guide to the Bible!). In addition to this proposal and as a

result of this conversation it was decided to start a Bible study group by arranging one before the next meeting of this group. We will advertise it and it will be open to all. Details below.

10. Sharing the Light

This scheme was first mentioned at the Mission & Action group but is best suited to this meeting. It is a new project from CMS where church people take a candle and a card to someone outside the church letting them know they are thought about and prayed for especially during the Advent season. The candle also carries an invitation - perhaps to an Advent service. Stephen to find out more details in time for next year.

Next meeting: **Monday 22nd January 2007**

10.00 Bible Study

10.45 Coffee

11.00 PCN meeting