



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: indeed it's the only thing that ever does.
(Margaret Mead)



PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

"A Christian community should do as Jesus did: propose and not impose. Its attraction must lie in the radiance cast by the love of brothers... Love doesn't mean doing extraordinary or heroic things. It means knowing how to do ordinary things with tenderness."



Jean Vanier, founder of the l'Arche Communities who died in May 2019 and whose works and words inspired millions.



VOLUNTEERING IN RWANDA

Valerie Francis, a qualified TEFL teacher, returned to England in April this year after spending time with the sisters in Masaka, Busasamana, Kimihurura and Muhanga helping to improve their English. She also had a chance to experience Rwandan culture and meet many local people.

St AUGUSTINE



"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That is what love looks like."

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

One hundred years ago on 28th June 1919 the peace document which officially ended the First World War, the 'Treaty of Versailles', was signed.

One of our very first New Hall school magazines written in 1919 "for private circulation" recounts the event from the perspective of the pupils (so-called 'fishes') and Community. A tennis tournament was taking place, when the news broke... to read more <http://www.canonesses.co.uk/archives/peace-rejoicings-1919/>



The Community in Melbourne with their friends and volunteers have been heavily involved in the regeneration project to transform the old Scout Hut in Langton Avenue into a new 'State of the Art' community facility on the same site. The renamed Langton Hall will be officially opened in September and all the Community's old activities, and some new, will begin again in this magnificent new facility.

LANGTON HALL MELBOURNE



RAMADAN 2019

In the time of Ramadan, we make the number of the day in stones to be in solidarity and unity with our Muslim friends and neighbours leaving it beside the Paschal candle.



VOLUNTEERING IN ROMANIA



The Community in Melbourne were invited by the Little Edi Foundation to nominate three teenage girls to spend the May half term volunteering in a Romanian orphanage. The three local girls from the Melbourne Estates who took up the opportunity had an amazing experience which both broadened their horizons and was thoroughly enjoyable. We look forward to further collaboration with the Foundation.

TRUSTEES NEEDED



Caritas Anchor House is a very significant provider for alleviating homelessness in East London, every year helping more than 200 people (many with complex needs) off the streets and - via accommodation in CAH - into permanent accommodation. CAH has a professional and well managed Board of Trustees, working pro bono because they have a heart for the aims of the charity.

In the next eight months there will be three vacancies on the Board, as people come to the end of their term of office, and in accordance with the Catholic heritage and the formal Articles of CAH, at least two of the new Trustees must be Catholic.

If you would be interested in hearing more about what being a Trustee involves please contact S. Teresa Ann who is herself a Trustee: thughes05@hotmail.co.uk

Why not join some members of the Community at the Climate Change Lobby in Westminster on Wednesday 26th June with the opportunity to meet MPs in the streets around Parliament.

If you would like to join the group already going from the Community, please contact Moira on anderson2003@blueyonder.co.uk

Details are on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Against-climate-change>

CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY



QUIET DAY AT HOWE CLOSE

A Quiet Day just before Holy Week enabled us to focus on readiness for the most significant week of the Christian year. Using the original Bread Broken work of S. Mary Stephen was stirring.

Then our eyes were directed to this picture depicting the Resurrection - Ita, the artist, a local friend, wrote of her picture - "The image in the magnifying glass is there to wake up the world to the resurrection."



TODDLER OUTING



The Melbourne Toddler group were invited to spend the morning at Parkwood Nursery. The day was a great success and a fun time was had by all, as the group enjoyed the modern play and activity facilities available in the outdoor areas.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 7th July: Fundraising Garden Party to support Sisters' work in Africa.

Friday 19th July: Quiet Day at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD, 10am-3pm.

Monday 5th to Saturday 10th August: Fun Week Melbourne.

All are welcome to any of the above - for details and booking please contact crssuk@canonesses.co.uk or phone 01206 867296

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