



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 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

This is our calling as Christian faithful: to recognize the Christ in everyone. And to reach out a hand of hope, to speak a word of love, to sing a song of happiness, to share a tear of joy or pain, to speak a word of praise, to murmur a prayer, to stand together against those forces that would divide us, isolate us, and block our flow toward home. *Diana Hayes*



OPENING LANGTON HALL

Members of the Community were delighted to join in the official opening of Langton Hall in Melbourne. S. Margaret and S. Moira have been working hard with other volunteers to make this project real for over two years.

Langton Hall will be home for the 8th Chelmsford Scouts but also, and most importantly, a home for community activities on the estate, including those run by the Community itself.

The Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Mayor and the MP were among the 170 invited guests.

More photos and text will be available on our website on the news & events/Langton Hall page.



St AUGUSTINE

"This is the very perfection of a human being: to find out their own imperfections."



CLIMATE CHANGE

This topical issue will be our focus for the year and we begin with a showing of the Al Gore film 'An Inconvenient Truth' on Sunday 6th October (see Dates for your Diary for details).



S. Margaret and S. Moira participated in a Climate Change rally in London and also went to the House of Commons to lobby Members of Parliament. They were able to have a long conversation with their MP Mrs Vicky Ford who is heavily involved in the Net Zero initiative.



S. Christina, S. Margaret and two of our Companions, Chris Bailey and Rosie Mattin, spent the day with our African Sisters in Dunkirk and went with them to the Emmaus Refugee Project where they helped serve meals and talked with the many refugees living in the forest outside the town.

VISIT TO DUNKIRK



QUIET DAY

A beautiful July day provided the backdrop to a day of quiet prayer and reflection with the Community in Colchester on the theme of 'Mary and Martha.'



SUMMER ACTIVITIES



The week-long Summer Activity programmes in both Greenstead and Melbourne provided much needed holiday fun for children on the estates. The Community worked in collaboration with many volunteers to deliver an exciting range and variety of workshops which delighted hundreds of children and their families each day. The Greenstead initiative was combined with the 'Make Lunch' programme which provided free lunches for many families.

LOURDES



Both S. Teresa and S. Teresa Ann participated in pilgrimages to Lourdes this summer and had roles with both liturgy and young people. Teresa was with the Brentwood Diocese and Teresa Ann with OMI. The photograph shows Teresa leading pilgrims in praying the Stations of the Cross.

BCCS CONCERT

As a former Trustee of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society, S. Margaret was an invited guest at the prestigious concert in Brentwood Cathedral featuring 'The Priests'. She was also invited to the reception after the concert.



AFRICA FUNDRAISING

The annual Africa fundraising garden party was blessed with good weather again this year, and the hundred attendees were able to enjoy the kind hospitality offered by the Clayton family in their beautiful garden near Boreham.

The initiative raised over £2,000 which went directly to funding an agricultural project in Kindu, D R Congo.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 6th October: 74 Howe Close 2pm for 2.15pm start. Introduction to the theme of the year - 'Climate Change'. Followed by the showing of 'An Inconvenient Truth'. Ending with Evening Prayer to celebrate Foundation Day.

Saturday 2nd November: Annual Mass for the Dead, 2pm, in the Chapel at New Hall.

Saturday 30th November: Melbourne 2pm 'Climate Change' - a speaker from Tearfund followed by Evening Prayer for the start of Advent.

Wednesday 11th December: Quiet Day at 74 Howe Close, Colchester, CO4 3XD 10am to 3pm.

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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