

# SOCIAL NEWSLETTER

November 2025

**Hello everyone,** and welcome to the latest edition of our parish Social Newsletter. In this edition we catch up on what has been happening through the summer and into Autumn, as well as looking forward to events in the next couple of months.

As always, do please let us know if you have any views or thoughts about our Parish Social Newsletters  
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## Season of Creation and Coffee Morning

During September this year we had a number of services and prayer meetings to celebrate God's wonderful gift of Creation. And whilst most of these were not social occasions as such, they did offer the opportunity for people to get together in prayer and reflection.

We ended the Season of Creation with a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale to raise funds for Ukrainian orphans. As the day was also the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, we maintained the theme of God's creation for the event, and people very generously donated cakes, books, puzzles, and a selection of hand-made gifts all reflecting nature and care for our world.



The donation of cakes to be sold was particularly impressive!!

Our Ukrainian family also ran a stall on the day and raised £111. Together with the £636 raised from sale of cakes etc and the Raffle, **that's a wonderful total of £747** which will be used to put together Christmas packages for orphans and others in need from the ongoing war in Ukraine. Nataliya has promised to let us see photos of the children with their gifts in due course, so look out for those in the next couple of months.

## A celebration of and for Parish Volunteers

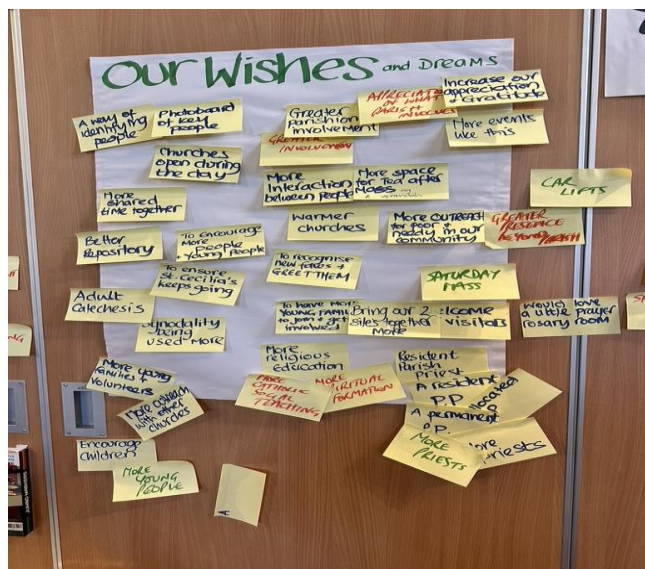


Did you know that about 60 people volunteer in some capacity in the parish? That's almost half of our congregation! This year the parish decided to show its appreciation for all that they do by inviting them to a special celebration day.

This began with a Mass at OLSE officiated by Fr Peter. 41 people attended and stayed for a two-course sit-down meal in the Garnett Room on 25 October. In between the Mass and the lunch, a stimulating session was run by Paul Mulligan. In this we captured stories of appreciation from those present as well as identifying the values of our parish and our wishes and dreams for the parish going forward.

A full report on the event will be available soon, but here are just a few of the things people said on the day:

*"I love the fact that our two churches have come together today as one parish and community...events like this will help us grow"*



It is hoped that the club will meet again in the near future to honour Nick's memory.

**Sunday 14 December – Gaudete Sunday – 4pm OLSE**  
– A candlelit Service of Music and Readings followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

