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 Contact: pat.fuchter@hotmail.co.uk 07867 318438

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:

"the first time I attended here I was warmed by the welcome, and I felt accepted immediately..."

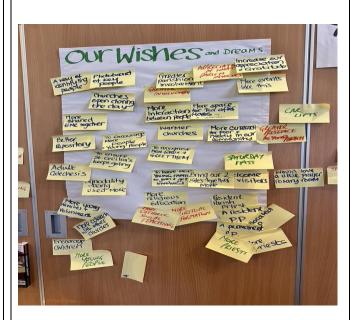
"There is an all pervading sense of love, which visitors also pick up"

"When I help on Wednesdays at St Cecilia, I receive so much trust from others, it touches my heart"

"I love to sing, it lifts my spirits, and being new to the area it feels lovely to know that I am part of a bigger picture, a community"

"I loved watching the film "The Letter" together with our church, other churches and non-church people; it was a real witness in the Word"

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



Whybelonely – October ended very sadly with the unexpected death of Nick Mansell.

Nick had been the driving force behind the Why be Lonely Club which he started earlier this year. For several months, Nick had been sharing his talents on the music front to bring joy and friendship to anyone who wanted to come along to the club. He made a great impact on many people's lives in the very short time that he had been in our parish.

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

Ecumenical events – Songs of Praise on Hunstanton Green 17 August

We didn't plan any parish social events during the summer months this year as we know that most people have other plans for spending time with family and friends. However, we did take part in the Hunstanton Churches Together service – Songs of Praise and picnicat the Hunstanton Bandstand on the sea front. A wonderful service of traditional hymns accompanied by the Salvation Army Band, with readings and prayers was very well attended. The address at this year's service was delivered by our own Andrew Wordsworth and about 15 of our parishioners joined people from the other churches and holiday makers for a truly uplifting couple of hours.

The cycle of Joint Faith Services and lunches is continuing with the last one focusing on a Harvest Lunch at the Methodist Church. Keep an eye on the notice boards in the churches for details of future events which are always open to everyone.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 19 November – Feast of St Cecilia – Fr Peter has given his permission for this Feast day to be brought forward from 22 November so that we can celebrate after Mass at St Cecilia on the Wednesday. Refreshments will be provided after Mass

Saturday 6 December - 10:30 to 12:30 OLSE – Advent Fair - preparing for Christmas (previously called the Christmas Fayre) – Craft Stalls, Tombola, Books and puzzles, Raffle and refreshments!

Tuesday 9 December – 2:30pm – Parish Teas - King William Hotel, Sedgeford. Cost £16.00 per person. Please see Chris Davey or Paul Mulligan for tickets.

Saturday 13 December – 2.00pm – Churches Together Christmas Carol Service at the Town Hall Hunstanton.

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