



## **All Saints Parish (South Devon) Section**

### **Report to Devon Branch Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

April 2019 (Devon Branch Annual Review) – July 2019

Currently we have 36 paid-up members and 3 interested ladies (see below Parish Marketplace Day) plus 1 lady who promises to join in the future!

Committee;

Erin Valko – Chair

Nici Newbery-Thornton – Vice

Hilary Outlaw – Secretary

Margaret Valko – Treasurer

Gay Anzani

Liz Ingham

Toni Tooley

Since the Devon Branch AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> April which 2 of our members attended;

- 16<sup>th</sup> April a few of us attended the funeral of Kath Kinsella who was an active CWL member in the past.
- On Good Friday (19<sup>th</sup> April) a number of us participated in the Ecumenical Churches Together Walk's of Witness in Teignmouth, Dawlish and Shaldon.
- We hosted a talk by Norms McNamara on Dementia and his Purple Angels project on 29<sup>th</sup> April for our Parish and any others interested – it was an amazing and informative talk but sadly we didn't get very many attending – but Norms is happy to do another one in the future.
- One of our members helped and 2 others attended 'The Gift' CaFE Holy Spirit 6 week course run in Exeter Deanery. And were delighted to see other CWL members from across Devon helping and attending.
- We are taking it in turns to help at a CaFOD stall at a monthly Craft Fair at neighbouring St Michael's CofE Church.
- 8 of us attended the Buckfast Pilgrimage on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May (3 of us helped to Steward) and we all thoroughly enjoyed the day. Bishop Mark's Homily was (as always) inspiring and taught us about Our Lady of Vulnerata. One of our members was successful in photobombing the Bishop with our Banner after the Mass. Cream Tea on the terrace was especially lovely in the beautiful weather. As was mixing with CWL members from the Diocese. We had our lovely National President Margaret Valentine with us for the day and our Chair even got a selfie with her.

- 3 members attended (and helped other Devon Branch CWL members) the Plymouth Diocese Caritas Launch Day on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May at St Nicholas RC Primary School in Exeter. We manned the CWL stand and helped with refreshments and all 3 found the day to be very interesting, informative and we look forward to seeing (and helping) how Caritas develops in our Diocese. The rocky road cakes were particularly yummy and we also managed to stock our Parish up with a huge bag of left over biscuits (with permission!).
- Our hardworking Secretary Hilary hosted a 'Pop up Ploughmans Lunch' at her house on the 30<sup>th</sup> May which several of us attended and had a lovely time.
- We (as is tradition) provided and served the First Holy Communion Breakfast for the 9 children making their FHC on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. And we manned the refreshments for the families and Parish as well.
- A select few of us met at the Old Walls Vineyard Bishopsteignton for a morning cuppa and chat on Thu 4<sup>th</sup> July. This replaced our planned summer outing which we sadly had to postpone as numbers were dropping (due to ill health and summer commitments) and it was rather hot as well!
- Our Parish held a Marketplace Day on Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July in which all groups/ministries/areas of Parish life had stalls to show who and what we are/do. A chance for other Parishioners or interested people to look around and see what goes on and get involved. We have 3 new ladies show an interest and give us their details and 1 lady who promises to join in the future – we are pursuing, 'ahem', gently contacting them to collar, 'ahem', sign them up!
- Several of our members have been carrying out their usual ministries in the Parish.
- We, as a section, continue to support Parish events and are 'on hand' to help out at them.

Our charitable work continues – we have some fundraising events in the pipeline!

Lastly, we are mixing things up a bit and trialling a new approach to our yearly programme, which involves holding at least 6 'usual/traditional' Section Meetings (as set out in the constitutions) with speakers and on other months having a less formal and more social 'fellowship' meeting. We also plan to meet regularly in between meetings for a cuppa (either out or hosted at members homes) as this will help to develop the 'fellowship' and can involve all members especially those who might not be so 'active' anymore.

Watch this space!

Erin Valko  
Chairman

10<sup>th</sup> July 2019