POTR

**Notes from Community & Outreach Committee**

*20th June 2022*

*Present: Revd Andrew Micklefield, Robin Kemp, Sarah Neish, Helen Walters*

*Apologies: Bruce Nicole*

**Review of January – April**

**1. Holybourne fish and chip supper** went well and the Arrowsmiths are happy to repeat it next January.

**2. Lent lunches** went very well, with attendances between 20 and 35. Repeat next year.

**3. 5 week Lent course at the Maltings** was best supported [50%+] by POTR of the town churches. Attendance at 30-50 was, in the event, modest. The Maltings was a good venue.

**4. Well attended Easter events**: improvised Passion week enactment in the churchyard and the sunrise service on Easter day in particular. Other churches had no appetite for a walk of witness or other joint event.

**5. GAP travelling meal** over time did not have many takers.

***Action: Robin to propose to Methodist Church that there are five sessions, one per month, in the five churches [breakfast, coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, drinks and nibbles].***

**6. Small groups:** There has been an increase in the number of daytime and evening small groups, meeting weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

**7. The Bereavement Café**: The Bereavement Café has enough volunteers and made a good start with two sessions last week.

**8. Visiting New Estates [ViNE]**. Six members of the parish engaged in a rewarding outreach to new home owners on the Hop Field Place estate in a joint team of 14 with Harvest members and a Catholic. There will be a further outreach in the summer to the new Ackender Hill estate.

***Action: Robin to report to Alton Ministers meeting in early July and report on the outreach at the combined parish service.***

**Looking ahead**

**1. Holy Rood open air service and parish lunch** planned for Sunday 14th August

**2. Evening Alpha course** starting in September

**3. Proposal to extend the ViNE** to other new estates in July/August

**4. Ukraine**. POTR members engaged in welcoming Ukrainian refugees

**5. Summer Holiday Club** Proposal by Martha for some form of children’s summer holiday club, part of one day per week

**6. Parish Awayday at Bentworth : Saturday 17th [or 24th] September**

***Action: Andrew to talk to hirers of village hall and the school [Hartley Wintney in reserve]***

**7. Jigsaw festival** : as storage is a problem and the jigsaws we receive are sold on at the monthly market the decision has been made to cease to hold the festival.

**8. GAP skittles evening** in the Autumn.

***Action: Robin attending Methodist planning meeting next week and will finalise a date at the Jolly Farmer.***

Robin