

## **Pastoral Care Team Report for the APCM 28/5/23**

### **Origins**

For those who don't already know, this team comprising 4 members was originally set up just before the Covid lockdown in 2020 but was in abeyance 9

### **Main activities**

Since then our focus has been on regular contact with those elderly, poorly, isolated members and ex members of our congregation who we knew would like to be kept in touch with the church and its activities even if they could not be present themselves especially at important times like Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Mothering Sunday when we send them greetings cards on behalf of the whole congregation. At the Queen's Platinum Jubilee last year we gave them each a silver book mark celebrating it.

We have over 20 people with whom we have regular contact through visits and phone calls and have given home communion to those who request it.

We also visit those who are in hospital and when they return home to ensure they have the right help.

### **Future?**

After having waited many months for our DBS checks Ruth has received her's and an approach has been made to the only home in our parish, Elmhurst Care Home in Queen's Road for us to visit any of the residents who wish to speak to us about anything - we hope to be able to offer spiritual support to those who would like it and we have a supply of interesting leaflets on the gospel to give to them.

There may also be an opportunity for those who wish to become involved in Louise's knitting project!

We are always looking to see how we can help any others in these situations and if you know anyone in similar situations and may be willing for us to help them whether part of our congregation or not please don't hesitate to contact any of the team.

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