



Inside Ladywell July 2023



Liz
*May the Lord Bless you and keep you
and make His face to shine upon you
and be Gracious unto you.*
Numbers 6:24-25

Thank you for your 17 years of professional Nursing here in La Verna



and 16 years as Ward sister in Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford

News, Views and Photos for Everyone Living and Working in Ladywell

Welcome to Ladywell



Arthur Halford
Son of Joanne
(FMDM Archivist)
is a 6th form college
student who came to
Ladywell for a week
of 'Work Experience'



Helen Beswick
A new member of
our Transport Team



Clare Stewart
A new member of
La Verna Caring Team



Colin Clarke
A new member of our
Estates and Facilities Team

A big welcome to you all and we hope that you will be happy working here with us and we pray Arthur's work experience will be really useful for him in the future.

A La Verna Transfer

She came for a Goodbye Tea and gift of Thanks



EMILY-GRACE SAINSBURY (centre) has been a wonderful, resourceful, receptionist/welfare support in La Verna for the past 2 years. It is now time for her to begin her sacred studies for the Anglican Priesthood and so she has transferred to the Franciscan Centre as a valued team member.

We will miss you lots here in La Verna, Emily, but we know you will be brilliant in your new role.



St Edmund's School came to Ladywell for School Leavers Service

All of the children in St Edmunds Primary School, plus teachers and parents, attended a farewell liturgy for Year 8 students at the end of term. We wish the leavers every blessing as they move on to their new life in Secondary School and very happy, safe summer holidays for everyone.



News from La Verna

OUR FEAST DAYS ARE DULY CELEBRATED



Sister Barbara Kole enjoyed her Birthday with a special Coffee Morning and Afternoon tea with flowers, cards and a blueberry sponge cake.



WE HAVE A NEW (PETS AS THERAPY) PAT DOG.



Her name is Greta, a Beagle/Collie cross and she is five months old and good as gold. Angela Finch, her owner, is an ex Mount Alvernia nurse and a friend of our own Claire Brooking; It was so good to meet up again. Sr Dot Johnson is a big "dog lover", so she was very happy to know that Greta will visit us every month.



Sr Shirley Mills also enjoyed her Birthday with lovely red roses and a gorgeous gluten-free cake.



FAREWELL BIATAR



Biatar Ndlovu came to bade us all farewell as she is now transferred to our Southern African Region after 8 years in Clapham hosting young FMDMs for studies and ministry experience in London..

We will miss your peaceful presence Biatar and wish you every blessing for your ongoing journey...

Biatar is seen holding a small knitted angel made and given by Sr Mary Burke.



Sisters and Mission Partners embarking on their pilgrimage to the Franciscan Exhibition at the National Gallery, London, followed by a visit to 'The Passage', a shelter for the homeless run by the sisters of St Vincent de Paul in Westminster.



St Vincent de Paul who dedicated his life to the service of the poor



A simple sandwich lunch at St Vincents Centre

The Passage
Vincentian Values

- We assist homeless people to realise their own potential to transform their lives.
- We act with compassion and kindness.
- We are a voice for change and justice.
- We build relationships based on trust.
- We respect each other.
- We are straightforward in all our dealings.
- We believe in practical hands-on hard work
- We collaborate across all sectors of society.



★ Congratulations to our Three Diamond Jubilarians ★ ★ 60 years professed as FMDMs ★



Sister Sixtus (centre) was joined by her companions, Eucharia Tan from Singapore (L) and Eliza Hopkins from Ireland as they cut their beautiful cake.



Sister Jane Bertelsen gave a vote of thanks for the 180 years they have collectively served as FMDMs



Jude O'Mara with our 3 Diamonds



Newest Member of FCL Team

Srs Claudia Lee, Suzanne Fairbairn, Maureen Halley, Nathan & Emily-Grace Sainsbury, Francis Abanga and Shona Cahill



Srs Tholokeke Sibanda, Shirley Aeria, Mary Liz & Ellen Munn



Srs Helen Doyle, Kathy Gardner, Marguerite Wong, Kay O'Neill and Anne Connor



Our 3 Jubilarians are joined by Maura Chin & Oneng Mendoza



Srs Philomena Hynes, Jane Bertelsen, Monica Weedon and Frances Woolman



Earlier in the month Sr Sixtus celebrated her big day with St Clare's Community enjoying a "tropical morning tea"

★ Thank you Elena and Iris for your Joyful Visit ★



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Our
Night Nurse Elena
brought her baby, Iris to see us -
she was passed around the whole community
for hugs and didn't make a sound -
such a peaceful, beautiful
five month old baby.
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Thank you Maria Stuart for lovely photos from the Philippines



The beautifully situated stations of the cross in their grounds



La Verna Carer Maria Stuart recently visited her father, now 101 yrs, in the Philippines and also visited the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary there.



LA VERNA COMMUNITY HELD A FAREWELL COFFEE MORNING FOR ELIZABETH JOHNS



Ex Nursing Colleagues



Senior Staff: Silvia, Liza and Silvana



Everyone, yes everyone, came to say thank you and farewell to Liz Johns with an Afternoon Tea

Liz gave a heartfelt farewell talk about the special place La Verna is and how she came for 6 months and stayed for 17 years.



Night Staff, Day Staff, (even baby Iris) came for the farewell afternoon tea. You will be missed from our family here, Liz.

A Final Farewell to St John's Seminary



St Johns Seminary, home for student priests and for many FMDM's who worked and studied there, closed after 130 years. Our FMDM Archivist Joanne Halford, formerly Wonerish Archivist, arranged an exhibition at the launch of the wonderful commemorative book.

These Walls Have Spoken:
in Celebration of St John's Seminary



WONERSH



As Sr Eileen Abbott had been librarian in Wonerish she was invited to St George's Cathedral for the celebration.

IT'S LAVENDER TIME AGAIN



Our Lavender harvest was really good this year and so was the rain!

Our Estates team cut and dried it in the workshop over a weekend, under the supervision of Jeanette Collings.

Sisters in St Clare's and La Verna laboriously filled small bags with dried lavender seeds for the Staycation sale. Thank you everyone.



at **LADYWELL**
Ashstead Lane,
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TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST 2023

Open Afternoon -- 2.00PM - 4.00PM

No Advance Booking is Needed; Free Entry; Enquiries: 01483 425 775 or 01483 675 575

The FMDM sisters have lived in Ladywell for 67 yrs... We invite you to tour our interesting house, lovely spacious grounds and enjoy a cream tea.

Meet some of the Sisters who live here and hear a bit about Ladywell - its history, missionary outreach, see our heritage display and the recently refurbished Franciscan Centre.

In addition to our traditional Cream Tea we also offer Gluten-free Scones
We look forward to seeing you..



www.godalming-tc.gov.uk/staycation.html

Thank you everyone for your great emails and photos this month. Please keep sending your stories, news items and photos for sharing to: Sister Frances Hall frances_hall@hotmail.com