

# December 2021

## Inside Ladywell & Carols outside



Yes, it was bitterly cold, but they all sang so heartily to keep warm.

Due to the increased risk of the new Omicron variant of Covid the difficult decision was taken to cancel our Staff Carol Service. However all was not lost for the community in Ladywell. The parish had arranged for their outdoor Carol Service to take place on Sunday 19th in the afternoon. They held the gathering in our new 'Carceri' space (walled garden as it was known).

The community were able to join from the warmth and safety of the Conference room and rooms above. Jude had arranged for us to have the carol booklets enabling us to join in. There was great interaction of singing and waving through the protection of the windows. Thanks also to the Care Team who brought so many of the La Verna sisters to join in.



St Clare's sisters took part through the first floor windows



Jude with her family who did car park duties also before offering mince pies to everyone.. Thank you Jude



La Verna sisters joined us in the Conference Room

*Fr Jonathan wrote afterwards: Thank you for having us. The parish appreciated being back at Ladywell and in touch with these incredible witnesses.*



# A Sale of Joy



Mary Kelly with all sorts of everything



Sr Clare Koh selling jewellery



Chef Lorraine and Ciara Thayre checking out the Boutique



Jude O'Mara and Mary Kelly with a raffle prize



Nurse Bozkha wins a raffle prize - Congratulations

## Giving to Godalming Food Bank



Lorraine says 'will it fit?'



Jude runs the popular Tombola



Lisa and Sr Teresa at the Holy stall



Emily-Grace was busy with the bric-a-brac and cards



Sr Barbara Pereira with Sr Raymond  
'Where on earth did you get that hat, Ray?...'  
- we know!



We paused to pose for a photo-shoot...

**THANK YOU EVERYONE**



## ADVENT CHARITY GIVING FROM 'ST FRANCIS'

Submitted by Sheila Isaac



L-R: Foodbank volunteer greets Lucy Harmsworth, Emiliya Parker and Heather Burst in St Mark's Church community Centre



When Corona restrictions meant that the St Francis Team was unable to support the tabletop sale in La Verna for the Godalming Foodbank, Mission Partners were undeterred. Throughout Advent they brought in food items for the box under the Christmas tree in the hall.



Other Mission Partners from Ladywell kindly added to the wide variety of foodstuffs so that on Wednesday 15th December, Heather Burst, Lucy Harmsworth and Emiliya Parker were able to bring three large bags of Christmas goodies and basic food essentials to St Mark's Church and Community Centre, where they were welcomed by an army of Food Bank volunteers. Lucy said, 'It was nice to see the local community working together. All the volunteers were very friendly and grateful for our support.'

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously and for helping to make Christmas this year a more joyful one for the people of Godalming.



Jude O'Mara and Mary Kelly Counting the takings.



Stella, Lisa, Monica, Mary, Mary Kelly, Dorothy, Shirley and Emily-Grace at the lood of La Verna



Lisa Reintges and Sr Dorothy at the Centre



The amazing **£1,400.00** + raised for St Mark's Food Bank who requested cash to buy fresh produce to give to families for Christmas.

Thank you...



St Mark's Volunteers receive the Cheque from Sr Dorothy Johnson







## LONG SERVICE AT LADYWELL APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES



### Congratulations Heather Burst



### Congratulations Angela Wen Mei He



Heather received her Certificate for 10 years service in St Francis at their pre-Christmas celebration. Heather received a bright pink Rose Tree to plant for memories L-R Fiona Warburton. Heather, Trish Waddilove and Jill White

Sr Jane Bertelsen presented Angela with a Certificate of Appreciation for 10 years continuous service at Ladywell. Angela received a bright pink Rose Tree to plant in her garden for memories.

## We Look forward to meeting some new mission partners in the new year

All 3 Mission Partners will be joining Ladywell on 10th January 2022



*Introduced by Jill White:*

**JOANNE HALFORD** (Jo) will be joining FMDM in her role as Congregational Senior Archivist. Teresa Mitchell will work alongside Jo as she takes over the overall responsibility for this most valuable Congregational resource. Jo joins us with a wealth of experience in archives and most recently working with the archives at St John's Seminary, Womersley. We are particularly delighted that Jo will be able to lead us in using new technology required for digital archiving.



*Introduced by Shaun Cooper:*

**TRACY MANZI** will be joining us as General Manager for Ladywell. Tracy has a wealth of experience in management and care, much of it dealing with the running of care homes, and more recently she has been a District Manager for Anchor Care, with remit for 11 Care Homes. Tracy is looking forward to not spending so much time sitting on the M25, though it may be a case of 'out of the frying pan and into the fire' when the perils of Shackstead Lane at 8.45am on a Monday morning are revealed!



*Introduced by Sheila Isaac:*

**MARY JANE BURKETT** will be joining us as the Director for the Franciscan Centre. Mary Jane (who likes to be called MJ) previously ran St. Cuthman's Retreat and Meeting Centre in Horsham and set up the charity 'Voices in Exile' for refugees living in the Brighton area. In her spare time MJ likes to do yoga and hopes to get back to travelling again just as soon as COVID restrictions allow. We look forward to welcoming MJ to Ladywell and wish her every success in this new role.



★ **OUR CHRISTMAS "BUBBLES"** ★

**Welcome to Ladywell**



**Andrew Dowell**  
Transport Manager

**Claire Brooking**  
La Verna Carer.

*We hope you will be very happy working with us in Ladywell.*

L-R: Ann Leahy, Frances, Jude, Karen Sealey, Aggy Ken, Jess Duffy, Marie Grogan

We also cancelled our usual Staff Christmas Parties and instead had "bubble" parties - St Clare's community invited the Catering team, Estates Team and Hospitality team in their separate bubbles for a small celebration and an opportunity to say thank you for all the support the teams give to Ladywell. The simplicity and intimacy of these small gatherings were appreciated by everyone.



L-R: Frances, Andy Dowell, Marie, Janet Fearn

L-R: Sandra, Claudia and Terry Welland

L-R: Pavlinka, Aggie, Angela Valerie and Maureen



L-R: Lorraine Guiseppi-Molai and Angela He



L-R: Vicki Brown, Louise Murphy, Claudia



L-R: Mary Liz, Jude, Barbara, Sixtus, Lorraine, David, Angela, Oliver and Claudia



L-R: Anne Connor, Barbara, Jason Wiltshire, Ann



**Working from Home on ZOOM!**

L-R: top: Teresa Reed, Iwonna Pawlak, bottom: Kayleigh Doherty, Abby Barr



L-R: Emily smith, Lucy Harmsworth, Helen Doyle, Shaun Cooper, Fiona, Heather, Trish, Jill White, Sheila Isaac, Helena McEvelly



La Verna will hold their 'Bubble' and Long Service Award in the New Year

