

## Report for Parish Council – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Activity Group:  
Chair:

Evangelistaion Activity Group  
Christine Cornwell

### GROUPS

1. **Alpha** **John Moroz represented by Margaret Harwood**
  - Not currently active.
2. **CAFE** **Elizabeth Howe**
  - During Lent we presented a series called “Saints- Helping us Today”. This series of six talks explored the wisdom and teaching of six great saints.
  - The CAFE Prayer Group has now met regularly on a fortnightly basis for a number of years with approx 10-15 people attending. Recently meetings have been more sporadic due to family circumstances.
  - For personal reasons, Liz Howe has recently tendered her resignation as leader of both CAFE and of the Prayer Group. We would like to record our sincere thanks to both Liz and Patrick for their hospitality over a number of years hosting the prayer group. The future of the Prayer Group will be reviewed with existing members.
3. **Churches Together** **Sally Taylor**
  - Sally reports that Christians/Churches Together doesn't officially exist at present. The Ministers of the local Churches meet together in Charles Whitehead's house for early morning prayer on a regular basis. The “Run the Race” initiative was conceived during these meetings. This was extremely successful with approx 6,000 people attending the screening of the opening ceremony of the Olympics on West Common. A number of parishioners assisted during the week at events held on Gold Hill Common.
  - Over the last 2-3 years Janet Bridden and Sally have attended the twice yearly meetings in Milton Keynes led by Bishop Peter and the Ecumenical Commission.
4. **Faith Sharing Groups** **Christine Cornwell**
  - Just one of the original four Faith Sharing groups continues to meet on a monthly basis. It would be good to reconsider the format of these groups, particularly bearing in mind the forthcoming “Year of Faith”.
5. **Men’s Breakfast Group** **Patrick Howe**
  - Joint breakfast meetings with local church’s men’s groups are held regularly
6. **Men’s Supper/Bible Study Evening** **Patrick Howe**
  - Regular supper/Bible study evenings are hosted by members of the group in their homes. The group has been so successful that it is now difficult to accommodate everyone in one house. Further meetings will be organised once a suitable venue is found.

### VOLUNTEERS

- There is no shortage of volunteers for most of these groups. The main issue is finding venues large enough to host some of the events.