

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON

# EXTRA

August 2021



## Recycling for Good Causes: what items can you donate?

A reminder that the Live Simply parish team now have a collection box at the back of **Our Lady's church** ready to accept your items. We have joined with an organisation called **Recycling for Good Causes** enabling us to recycle specific items which will raise money for our chosen charity which is **CAFOD**.

Leaflets are available next to the box which explain what items we want.

Here is a summary .

**YES PLEASE :** gold or silver jewellery, costume jewellery, watches, bank notes and coins, stamps and first day covers.

**THE ONLY ELECTRICAL DEVICES** we accept are mobile phones , cameras , video cameras, sat navs, electronic gaming devices , I pods / MP3 players , tablet computers .

**ALL ABOVE ITEMS ACCEPTED IN ANY CONDITION , ANY AGE - EVEN BROKEN**

**BUT** we are unable to accept *Laptops, home phones , DVD players , printers, modems or routers , kitchen appliances ,ink or toner cartridges*

Thank you for supporting us to raise funds for CAFOD and at the same time keeping these items out of landfill.

*Louise Hathaway. (Live simply team)*

**EXTRA** is primarily for information that we do not have room for in the weekly newsletter. But we can only publish what you send in; please send notices (100-200 words) to [catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com](mailto:catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com) by the **last day of August** at the latest, please. **And we could do with more help, too! Let us know if you can help us, or if you know someone who can:** Brian Austin, Caroline Graham (same address as above).



This month Catholic Leamington is starting an important initiative:

## **‘Something Greater’**

### **The purpose and aims of Something Greater**

As we come out of lockdown and places, including our local churches, open up to more people, the purpose of Something Greater is to extend a welcoming hand of friendship to:-

- ❖ Catholics who are still anxious about coming to church in person,
- ❖ Catholics who have lost a sense of connection to a local parish over the last year, and
- ❖ Christians or people of no faith who have discovered an interest in exploring their faith.

It is a project that is going help our parish reach out to family, friends, and our community. We know so many who have asked questions about faith over the last year, those who have not realised that our churches are open, and those who are anxious about coming back to church.

Something Greater will help us extend a hand of friendship and welcome everyone to our community. We are going to do this together and there are three ways you can help: **Pray, Invite** and then **Welcome** every person who comes to church in the coming months who might be nervous, returning, or new to the Catholic Church.

There is a prayer bookmark now available in the three churches. Please take one home with you; prayer is vital for this initiative to blossom in the months and years ahead.

A number of initiatives were discussed at the first Something Greater team meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> July (*notes of meeting available on [catholicleamington.org.uk](http://catholicleamington.org.uk) > Welcome > Evangelisation Team*) and you are invited to join us for the next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm (probably by Zoom). Please tell Peter, [mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mdimambro@hotmail.co.uk) 01926 428399, if you are able to come so he can send you the Zoom link.

Meanwhile a number of ‘Welcome ideas’ are in action and in the planning; these will be outlined in the main newsletter and Newsletter EXTRA. It will clearly take some time to really build up our parish of Catholic Leamington to become a truly vibrant and Spirit-filled community as we reach out to those above. We are asking for all parishioners to help in some way by supporting the initiatives.

*Peter Dimambro, Evangelisation Team*  
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**Web page of the month**  
**YOUNG ADULTS 18-30**  
[www.catholicleamington.org.uk](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/young-adults-18-30)  
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Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are.

Pope John Paul II



### Tools with a mission

Following on from last month's article on 'Recycling for Good Causes', we recently made use of the charity 'Tools with a Mission' (TWAM)

[www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk)

when clearing a relative's house. TWAM collect all manner of tools and other items, such as:

- Sewing machines
- Agricultural/ gardening tools
- Builders' tools
- Carpenters' tools
- Electricians' tools:
- Motor mechanics' tools
- Plumbers' tools
- Garage workshop tools
- Power tools
- Knitting machines and wool
- Haberdashery

So long as tools are not broken they will be accepted, even if rusty or very old (like our sewing machine).

There are people in our local area who will collect goods from your home.

The tools are mostly sent to countries in Africa, including Malawi, where the man who collected from us had seen men sitting by the roadside using sewing machines donated by TWAM.

So, if you are clearing out your garage or shed, think of TWAM before you take a trip to the recycling centre/tip!

For full details see [www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk)

Margaret Dimambro



### A big thank you to our schools

*As we come to the end of another very difficult academic year CAFOD's Education Section have issued a big thank you to all the schools who have supported our Catholic charity. The totals raised nationally are more than the previous year when there were two normal school terms.*

*As a Schools volunteer, I have been notified that two of our local Catholic primary schools, **St Patrick's and St Joseph's**, are among the schools who have held fund raising events this year. During Lent, children at St Patrick's participated in the **Walk for Water** appeal by being sponsored to walk around their school field in their wellies carrying bottles of water. Pupils at the school have also watched both recent **live assemblies** broadcast by CAFOD's Education section. Headteacher, Yvonne Clark, told me how inspiring they were for both staff and pupils, particularly the assembly based on Pope Francis' Fratelli Tutti message. As a result, the Y5 children organised an appeal and made a large donation of **groceries to the local foodbank**.*

*It's really heartening that children in our local Catholic schools can empathise and think of others, especially at this time.*

*Ann Allison, CAFOD School Volunteer*

**Churches Together Walking Group**  
**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August**  
**9.45 for 10.00 start**  
**A walk around Warwick**  
*[not the well-known bits]*

**About the walk**

About 3 miles (4.8 km) on hard surfaces, some gentle slopes and even some traffic lights.

Meet in the **Tesco Car Park**, Emscote Road, Warwick 9.45 for 10.00am start.

Please park on the right hand side as you enter, at the far end.

Luncheon optional at The Black Pug, 69 Coten End, Warwick CV34 4NU; menus available on the day.

Just turn up! But bring a face mask and sanitizing gel with you. You will be asked for your contact details for Test and Trace.

Contact: [ctlwalkers@gmail.com](mailto:ctlwalkers@gmail.com)



### Where do SPAN donations come from each month?

We are grateful to the kind legacies that have allowed us to draw **£ 500 a month** from a Legacies Fund, topped up by bequests, for the past 7 or 8 years. This fund may be depleted

within 20 months, so we will soon be more dependent on regular donations to maintain our current ability to respond to appeals.

Our regular Bank Standing Orders from parishioners in our 3 churches provide between **£700 and £ 900 per month**, with individual donations varying from £ 5 to £ 50 a month. Any amount is welcomed. See our website for Bank or Gift Aid forms.

There are collection boxes in **St Peter's** and one in **St Joseph's** – to the right of the main notice board in the Narthex. SPAN envelopes, available in all our church entrances can also be dropped into any of the church collection baskets. Very little has been donated this way recently with people preferring to transfer money electronically.

### Who are the regular beneficiaries?

To satisfy the calls from what we refer to as our **First Call payments** i.e. the Saturday Friendship Group, the Warwick District Foodbank, the Leamington Night Shelter, the 3H Housing, Health Hospitality project in Kenilworth and support via Fr David Cullen's work in Zambia, we need **£550 a month**, £ 40 more if an overseas bank transfer is required that month.

SPAN also sets aside **£83 a month** for the **House of Light and Hope in Lebanon**, **£37** towards educating 3 vulnerable students in **Uganda** and an average of **£ 80 a month** to both the **St Francis Hospital in Uganda** and **Ortum Mission Hospital in Kenya** - these amounts fluctuate as our monthly income varies. These basic outgoings average over **£ 800 per month**.

### Appeals considered every month.

Any remaining income is used to address several appeals we receive each month, some arising within the parish, some from local family support agencies or refugee centres. A number of appeals come from agencies, or people we have supported in the past, or are new requests for grants where people have noted our information on the charity commissions website.

**Our SPAN meetings are open to all parishioners across Catholic Leamington.** You are all part of SPAN, helping our sisters and brothers less fortunate than ourselves. We are a registered charity in Catholic Leamington giving witness of our commitment as a Christian community to our neighbours, near and far. Appeals are presented to the meeting, with information about the financial background of companies and the context of the appeal. The meeting comes to a consensus considering our established criteria and decides a response depending on the funds available. We always love to see new people at our meetings. We are grateful to all our donors and would welcome the opportunity to respond more generously to appeals. Please consider making a regular donation. And please pray for the many communities that SPAN supports.

To find out more, visit our website [www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span](http://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span) or contact our Secretary [paulhayden@ntlworld.com](mailto:paulhayden@ntlworld.com) to join our mailing list.

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### **Something Greater - Prayer**



*Loving Father, as Covid restrictions ease, we pray for our 'Something Greater' initiative.*

*As we reach out to others, give us the wisdom to know how to communicate in a way that will attract them to our parish community in worship and fellowship.*

*May we be alert to ways of encouraging them in their faith journey.*

*We make this prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

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*Next Month  
is  
The Season of Creation*

**Contributions are requested for September's  
EXTRA relevant to the Season of Creation.**

Please submit to  
[catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com](mailto:catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com)  
by the last day of August, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>.

