

WHO DO WE CARE FOR? A DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Children's Residential Services

We have two children's homes in Leeds and Bradford, that offer medium to long term care for children and young people who can no longer live with their own families for a variety of reasons.

Contact: Mary Simmons
Service Manager - Residential Children

Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities

Ten projects offering 'homes for life' for approximately fifty adults with varying degrees of learning disability; three residential homes in Dewsbury, Leeds and Sutton-in-Craven; seven supported living projects in Todmorden, Brighouse, Bingley, Keighley, Leeds and Skipton.

Contact: Sharon Forbes
Service Manager - Adults with Learning Disabilities

Supported Housing for Adults with Mental Health Needs

We have three supported housing schemes for people with mental health issues in Leeds, Bradford and Sowerby Bridge. The projects offer self-contained accommodation with communal facilities and on-site professional support.

Contact: Mary Simmons
Service Manager - Mental Health

Schools and Family Social Work Service

A school and parish based social work service providing advice, support and counselling for children, young people and their families, as well as support to teaching staff. Our team of sixteen work in 42 primary schools, 13 high schools and colleges, as well as parishes and the community.

Contact: Chrissie Moran
Service Manager - Schools and Community

Huddersfield Deanery Project

Catholic Care works in partnership with the Huddersfield Deanery Project, in seeking to address practical, social and spiritual concerns of older people.

Contact: Joann Wareham
Project Manager

Gianna Project

The Gianna Project delivers practical help to individual women in a pregnancy situation, eg baby equipment/clothes, limited financial aid if necessary, counselling and support.

Contact: Joann Wareham
Project Manager

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Good Shepherd Celebration Learning to Serve

4 May 2012

'Proud of You' were some of the words used by Bishop Arthur Roche when children from 50 of the Diocesan Schools gathered to present to the Bishop the money they had collected over Lent for Catholic Care.



Roddy Minogue, Co-ordinator of Caring Services, welcomed the Bishop to the service along with everyone else who were to play a part in the mornings proceeding and thanked all those who had given their time effort and money in the raising of money for the Good Shepherd collection.

The liturgy was prepared and presented by pupils and staff of St Philip's Catholic Primary and Nursery School, Middleton, Leeds. They told us "When we are at school, we learn many things. One very important part of being at a Catholic school is learning how to serve others, just like Jesus did. This is what all of us here having been trying to do during Lent by raising money for the Good Shepherd Fund. Serving others is a privilege. During our Liturgy today, we want to think and pray about this very important part of our Catholic faith."

Having received the cheques from all the school the Bishop announced that the total handed to him on the Day was £40,000 - yet again more than the year before. In his homily, which followed the Bishop thanked them for being so generous and said that this is what made him proud of them - that they were doing it for others who did not have as much as them. He then went on to ask them to think up even more ways of raising more money next year as it will be 150 years since Catholic Care has been set up in the Diocese. Though the Bishop had a very busy day ahead of him after the service was over he remained in the Cathedral to have his picture taken with as many groups as wanted to be photographed with him.

"May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be ever at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand."

MONEY MATTERS

The income that Catholic Care receives from voluntary sources is vital to maintaining and indeed strengthening our work in the community. This is a list of the money that we have received in the year ended 31st March 2012.

Good Shepherd Appeal in Schools	£45,884
Annual Appeal in the Churches	£16,489
Bequests	£160,095
Individual Donations	£19,998
Sale of Christmas Cards	£2,480
Gift Aid recovered on donations	£2,668

Many thanks to all those who have given either individually or collectively, your contributions are much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information on ways you can contribute towards the ongoing work of Catholic Care (Contact details below).

ANNUAL APPEAL IN THE CHURCHES

Sunday 18 March 2012

Each year the Diocese of Leeds allows us to make an appeal for funds to undertake its work within the Diocese. This work is a vital sign of the presence of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church within today's often difficult and unwelcoming society.

If you're interested in hearing more in your parish about our work, please contact us on 0113 388 5400 to discuss or send us an email info@catholic-care.org.uk, and we'll be in touch.

2012 was our Fourteenth Annual Appeal held in the Churches of the Diocese. So far we have received £12,094, last year's total response was £16,489. The Bishop as always is supportive and appreciative of the tremendous efforts that the parishes make for this appeal.

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Mumford & Sons Gig at St Bernadette's Hall, Bradley

The famous band, Mumford & Sons, attended the Friday Friends Lunch Club on the 1st June, their Jubilee Party, and sang to them all. The band called in the day before they took to the stage in Huddersfield before 8000 people.

They performed a couple of songs before joining the Club members for lunch. The band members went round each table, chatting to everyone, and even stayed behind afterwards helping with the washing up and clearing away the chairs and tables.

Adrian Abel, Chairman of the Huddersfield Deanery Project, that runs the Friday Friends Lunch Club, said "The band were amazing. They are great musicians, but more importantly they are very lovely people. They said they had really enjoyed the visit and they had wanted to meet real Huddersfield people before the concert. It was a great day."

The visit was arranged through Marcus Mumford's brother, James, who works for the Centre for Social Justice in London. James and several colleagues visited the Huddersfield Deanery Project to consult with Thursday Friends resulting in the project featuring in their report "The Forgotten Age". He was really impressed with the work HDP does for older people on the limited funds available and decided to help by recommending HDP to his brother.



Mission Statement

Catholic Care is a charitable organisation working on behalf of the Diocese of Leeds. It offers a variety of services and support, not only to the Catholic population, but also to the wider community as a whole.

Catholic Care acts to support those in need of its services, especially the weak and the vulnerable and it acts as an advocate for those unable to represent themselves.

The primary purpose of the agency is to foster and influence a vision of how people can live together in Christian charity, love and justice, by taking the 'Caring Church into the Community'.



Catholic Care CHRISTMAS CARD COLLECTION 2012

Real Christmas Cards - Bringing you the true Spirit of Christmas

Our 2012 Christmas Card Brochure is now available. All the profit made on the sale of the Christmas cards and any additional donations go directly to support our work, so your contribution is a very practical way to support us.

There are 10 cards available in various sizes, which encompass modern and traditional art, but all with a religious theme. The message inside the cards will be: "Wishing you the joy and peace of Christmas and a happy New Year"

Catholic Care Christmas Card SALE 2012

We also have a brochure with 11 cards on sale from previous years at discounted prices!

As with previous years we cannot offer personalised cards.

If you wish to receive more copies of our brochure(s) please contact Karen on:
direct dial: 0113 3885 403 fax: 0113 3885 401 email: karen.byram@catholic-care.org.uk



HAPPY RETIREMENT Barbara!

Barbara worked for Catholic Care for 19 years. She brought care and laughter to all who met her. She was an inspiration and support to all her colleagues.

She worked tirelessly for parents who were adopting. She always went that extra mile in order to help and care for the children and parents. In total she placed 70 children.

But, the most important thing about Barbara was her generosity, her kindness and her unbending desire to help other people.

Catholic Care thanks Barbara for all her good work and wishes her all the best for her retirement.



Huddersfield Deanery Project - Working With Older People



Ashbrow councillor Ken Smith and ex Kirklees Mayor David Wright presented the Huddersfield Deanery Project for Older People with a cheque for £20,000 on Wednesday 25th April. Receiving the cheque were Adrian Abel, Project Chair and Joann Wareham, Project Manager. The money has been donated by Wakefield and District Health and Community Support Ltd and is to enable the Deanery Project to continue its work with older people in the area.

Cllr Smith said "This is a splendid community project which rose from the good people of Bradley, where it is still based, and a fine example of the community helping itself. It has created many opportunities for older people, including luncheon clubs, walking groups, craft groups and keep fit activities the totality of which helps older people both emotionally and physically. The Wakefield charitable trust is very pleased to encourage the organisation, which has 60 local volunteers, in continuing to provide services to this growing valued part of our community."

Around 140 people benefit from the Project's weekly activities. There are now some vacancies especially for 'Thursday Friends', a luncheon club in Brackenhall, which is moving from the Community Centre to the brand new and larger Northfield Hall that has been funded by the Deighton & Brackenhall Initiative. Regrettably, the economic climate has necessitated some redundancies and cuts in paid staff hours. However, Adrian Abel commented "This has been done without reducing the Project's range of events. Indeed there are plans to initiate some new events, made possible partly by the new donation. Nevertheless, more volunteers are urgently sought to ensure the whole Project has long term sustainable. The Project appreciates the efforts Cllr Smith in securing this donation."

Anyone interested in taking part in the Projects activities or offering services as a volunteer is invited to contact it at **01484 300094 (Wednesdays to Fridays)**.

BANK VILLAS FAREWELL

On the 22nd June Catholic Care hosted a party to celebrate the life and works within Bank Villas. The event was tinged with sadness as the occasion was also to say goodbye to the service due to changes within service provisions in all local authorities and Bank Villas was subject to this change.

Bank Villas has supported Adults with Mental Health Issues to live independently for the past 16 years in Sowerby Bridge, and we wish Bank Villas and the new service provider continued success in this.

Catholic Care would like to thank all the tenants, staff and guests who were able to attend the party. Guests included, Mary Simmons, Wyn Dodds, Alan Hoggard, Peter McHale, Roddy Minogue, Janet Flynn, and Les Holroyd who has supported Bank Villas for many years being our neighbour and recently a member of our Advisory Committee.

Roddy thanked the staff who had worked hard at Bank Villas, especially Olimpia Walker who has been the backbone of the service provided in Sowerby Bridge. Sadly, Jim Cohen was unable to attend and was missed by everyone.



STAR CARER'S AWARD

A Support Worker at our Leeds Children's Home has scooped a national award in a ceremony at the Houses of Parliament.

Scott Roberts picked up the prestigious Ofsted 'Star Carer' award after being nominated by a young person he cares for. The young person also accompanied him on the trip to London.

Scott was one of around 30 carers to receive the award - out of more than 150 nominated - and was presented with his certificate by MP Tim Loughton, Minister for Children and Families.

A Right Royal Do!

The Mental Health service celebrated the Queens Diamond Jubilee in style at Bank House on the 1st June 2012.

Service Users, past and present, and a future tenant enjoyed the celebrations with Catholic Care staff and other professionals. The day was wet, but this did not dampen the spirit of the occasion. The BBQ eventually lit, and head chef Olivia from Foundry Mill did a great job. We held a 'name the dog' competition, and Emma Smith from the Community Team won with Winston.

We look forward to another occasion we can all join in to celebrate - the tenants are planning the next venture - an Olympic Party.



Viva Blackpool!

Teresa Lyons went to Blackpool for a short break in June this year, while there she went back in time and dressed as a lady from the wild west also came right up to date and had a fish pedicure.

Teresa had a lovely time despite the atrocious weather, but was disappointed because she was unable to go to the circus due to the Olympic torch celebrations being held inside the tower due to the heavy rain.



ATTITUDE

The 92 year-old petite, well-poised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.

Her husband of 70 years passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an 8-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs Jones, you haven't seen the room . . . just wait."
"That doesn't have anything to do with it," she replied.

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged. It's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I have stored away just for this time in my life.

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories. And thank you for your part in filling my memory bank. I am still depositing."

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

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