

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

'Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God' (*Micah 6:8*)

YOUTH SUNDAY

Next week we celebrate World Youth Sunday when the Church across the globe reflects on the gift of young people and offers our support as we accompany them on their faith journey. Here in the Diocese the Youth Ministry Team provide a variety of opportunities to support our young people. Check out YMT on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) and the website www.ymt.org Next week we will hear more about their work and we will be given the opportunity to donate towards this essential ministry.

LAUNCH OF CARITAS

Caritas brings together and supports all those individuals and groups in the Diocese who reach out to the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. Caritas Hexham and Newcastle will be launched formally on 18th December from 11.00am – 2.00pm. Corpus Christi church has been chosen as the venue because it is the home of the Bensham Food Coop and beautifully reflects the meaning of Caritas. Due to Social Distancing we are limited to 100 places so the Diocese has set up an Eventbrite link to manage this. Details of how to register and the full programme are in the Launch Invitation attached to this newsletter.

FOOD COOP UPDATE

Over the last week, 49 families/couples and 33 single people have attended the Food Coop. This included 23 people from the local community, of which 5 were attending for the first time. Five food parcels were delivered during the week to those unable to attend. Donations were received from several local churches, Brighton Avenue School, the People's Kitchen and individual supporters. All the donations were gratefully received and very much appreciated. With the steady numbers, all donations ensure that we can continue to offer fresh fruit and vegetables and a wide variety of dried and tinned goods to all members.

Several people have handed in warm coats that have been distributed during the sessions this week. Many thanks for bringing these and other items to Corpus Christi. Due to space constraints we are only able to accept cold weather clothing e.g. coats, warm jumpers, gloves, scarfs and hats at present. We continue to support members once they receive Leave to Remain. Two of our long-standing members have recently moved into their new homes and we've assisted them with various donated items. Over the years many people have left 'random' items at Corpus e.g. cutlery, crockery and linen. Rest assured that these items eventually find new homes. With many thanks for your commitment to all in the community. Kath

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)

'Do you have a problem with Alcohol?' Call FREE on 0800 9177 650 help@aamail.org

Locally, you can contact the following in confidence: Paul 07554665116 or Ryan 07745 273686

PASTORAL CARE

If you have any worries or concerns contact Fr Keith on 0191 487 6505 or stpetersrparish@aol.com or Deacon Tom Rooke on 0191 477 1428 or corpus1936@gmail.com

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE

A new website for our Diocese has recently been launched featuring a fresh design, easier navigation and search facilities. The website also has advanced accessibility tools for users with additional support needs. The website link is www.diocesehn.org.uk

PARISH WEBSITES: corpuschristigateshead.wordpress.com and <https://www.stpetersparish.org.uk>