

Southampton Circle newsletter

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Charity begins at home



Malcolm's presidential year is long over, but he was never able to have our Stella Maris port chaplains as guests at our circle meetings. They were just too busy. Thus he went to the Stella Maris Seafarers Centre in Southampton to hand over the money collected for his favourite local charity. The £2,000 raised will help to extend the reach and activities of our port chaplains who –helped by many volunteers- look after thousands of seafarers in our port and on board of ships that are moored off due to the oil crisis in the Middle East. We must be mindful of the fact that our daily goods are brought here by seafaring crews who spend a very long time from their homes and families.

Port chaplains Gregory Hogan (left) and Luke Phillips received Malcolm's contribution to Stell Maris Apostleship of the Sea in Southampton.

Charity begins at home: Helen Eales blessed for long term CAFOD support

At Fordingbridge and Ringwood we have strong CAFOD support throughout both churches, and the lady who has been driving this for over 25 years is the wonderful Helen Eales. Whether it's quizzes, barn dances, Lenten lunches, Parish walks, encouragement to runners, or timely updates for Family Fast Days, Helen never tires of spreading the news of CAFOD and helping us raise many thousands of pounds for the wonderful work that CAFOD undertakes in so many countries. Helen's work in our parish has been recognised by His Holiness Pope Leo, and CAFOD's Andrea Hoyland presented Helen at Mass with an Apostolic Blessing from the Holy Father, marking her 25 years of dedicated service to CAFOD. So very well deserved! Thank you Helen, for all that you do.

Picture: Andrea Hoyland, Fr Alban Hood OSB, and Helen Eales.



CathSoc students' invitation: not to be ignored

The affiliation between our Catenian circle and Catholic Society students in Southampton and Portsmouth has various aspects: We help to welcome new students in October with a BBQ, offer career advice, support them for their retreats and pilgrimages and we enjoy a game now and then. The students challenged the Catenian brothers and ladies for a bowling match, and not for the first time. So, after all exams were over we had a fantastic night out and we were bowled over....



Walking the New Forest

With such a big garden nearby it is worth going there to explore. Eight brothers and ladies visited the New Forest on foot. Starting at Brockenhurst station they walked a 7 mile stretch with a pub stop in-between. It is worth repeating the walk in the Autumn with a group of students.



50 years marriage with Pope's blessing



Andrew and Myra Philpott renewed their vows of marriage at Mass in St Joseph's church in Southampton on 5 July. They received a blessing from Pope Leo to mark the event. After Mass, cake and bubbles were shared with the congregation

Malta Week: International social event 14th to 21st November 2026

Catenian circles in Malta and Gozo welcome you to a week long social outing! Experience the charm, history, and vibrant traditions of the Maltese Islands, enjoying a unique week-long programme offering fellowship, discovery, and unforgettable memories. The Highlights of the event include: • Tailored Grand Harbour Cruise with a Specialist Guide • An Authentic Medieval Banquet at Fort St Angelo • A traditional village Festa experience • Visits to various places of interest on the island. Accommodation is provided at a Five Star Hotel and the package includes the activities and meals on the programme, transport, admissions and accommodation. A double occupancy room is GBP 1,045 (€1,200) per person The single occupancy rate is GBP 1,375 (€1,575). Further enquiries and booking details from Brother Frank Vella Bardon at fvellabardon@gmail.com

For a taster see here: [mw26 Invitation.mp4](#)

More local social events:

Saturday 18 July at 12:30 hrs: **Charity barbeque** for president's charity Mountbatten Hospice Care. at the Matteucci's in Chandlers Ford. Cost £12.50 pp. Please book timely, limited space.

Pub lunch: Friday 24 July 12:00 at the Milbury, Salt Lane, Beauworth, Alresford SO24 0PB

President's Sunday dinner event: **Sunday 27 September** at 12:30 hrs at Ampfield Golf Club, this event is preceded by mass at St Edward's at 11:00 hrs.

Catenian Ladies Afternoon Tea: Wednesday 29 July at 14:00 hrs at the White Horse Hotel in Romsey, SO51 8ZJ *Contact: Margaret Lillie*

Circle welfare, those who are unwell and in need of our prayers

Mary Berridge, Anne Brady, Leo Brennan, Jill Brennan's mother, Elizabeth Counihan, Pat Crook, Camille Driver, Simon and Christine Grummitt, Dawn Harrison, Paul Hulbert (Stephen's brother), Mike and Clare Lund Yates, Douglas Manning, Catherine Porter, Siobhan Shine, Tony Wilson and Donald and Triesa Kumarajeewa in Sri Lanka. Also: Luke Andrews (Paul's nephew), Harry Harrison Sr, Judith Harrison, Alison Wilson.

In Province 11 brother Frank Hinds (Andover and Winchester member) and his daughter, and also brother Ivor Palmer from Poole and brother Roland Cise of Blandford Forum circle.

In memoriam June and July

June: William Tickle, Harry Parker, Joe Gleeson, Margaret Kemhadjian, Sheila Barber, Jim Shine, Myra Andrade, Peter O'Connor.

July: Tom Fraser, William Russell, William Brown, Danny McNamara, Nellie Payne, Tony Porter, Derek Phillips.

Birthdays in July and August

July: Roger Lillie (4), Camille Driver (5), Clare Lund Yates (7), Tony Wilson (9), Graham Palethorpe (10), Douglas Manning (12), Margaret Wysocki (13), Bill Eales (15), George Wysocki (16), Folkert van Galen (17), Moira Moriarty (30).

August: John Thompson (1), Mike Lund Yates (8), Jenny Thompson (12), Mark Pedley (12), Elizabeth Counihan (14), Sally Murray (15), Joe Bright (16), Meg Clapham (20), Caroline Bubien (22), Pat Crook (29), Simon Grummitt (29).

1 June circle meeting and AGM (1,280th circle meeting)

18 brothers present, ladies night with Peter and Ann Schefer from Winchester

5 July circle meeting (1,281th circle meeting)

20 brothers present, no visitors.

3 August circle meeting (1,282nd circle meeting)

Brothers and ladies night. Visitors are welcome from 18:30 hrs.

Presidents charity this year: <https://www.mountbatten-hampshire.org.uk/>

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