

Aspects of our Pastoral Care and Outreach in our Christian Community.

When I wrote in 2025 we were just getting back to a normal routine after the Covid Pandemic which took some time but we now make regular visits each month on a Sunday afternoon to Elm View and Hazel End Care homes.

We endeavour to have a focus each time linked to the Christian calendar which the residents appreciate as their days are much the same during each week. We now welcome 15+ residents as the staff in each home are now working alongside us which is necessary to bring the less mobile people to our meeting area. And we try to follow up to make sure that everyone who wants to attend is able to do so and there are several St Michael's parishioners in both homes and so it is that bit extra special to be with them.

During our little service we use the prayers and readings from the weekly Newsletter plus 3 relevant hymns and for that I am most grateful to Diane Pettitt who plays the piano for this. She is not always available and so if there is anyone who can help – just the hymns please – I would love to hear from you. Husband Martin prepares prayers and Max and Mireille Baulcomb, Blanche Hill and Sheila Bridgewater provide help throughout our visits.

If anyone would like to come along one month do speak to any of the above as we would love to see you. There are always refreshments available for us at the end of each afternoon!

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Home Visits

Our visits to housebound members of St Michael's continues each month and we have a wonderful team who work in pairs to make sure that all these people are given time to partake in Holy Communion in a beautiful little service. This is a very humbling experience and so much appreciated by ourselves as well as those we visit.

Whilst writing I have noted that we have 10 parishioners on the list and 9 people plus the clergy on the rota. Should you know of anyone who would benefit from these visits please contact Katharine in the Parish Office or speak to Derwyn for further information.

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