



NEWS from CTIP - a newsletter for the 'fifth Sunday' service at St Mary's, Collaton St Mary, on SUNDAY 30th. JULY 2017

CHRISTIAN AID – Year Ending - 30th. June 2017

The following message has been sent to me (Carol Marder) from Christian Aid:

Please pass on our sincere thanks to all those who volunteered their time in support of our work this Christian Aid Week and throughout the year. We are truly grateful for all you do.

Sixty years ago, churches around the country came together in witness to support our neighbours around the world in the first Christian Aid Week. We thank God that, sixty years on, the amazing dedication and commitment of churches up and down the country each Christian Aid Week and during the year, through house to house collections, Lent Lunches, numerous events such as Quiz Nights, and Sponsored events.

In Paignton Lent Lunches and Count Your Blessings raised £1,066, the Quiz Night £516 and the Sponsored Silence £1,962. The final total for Paignton was £5,849.

The focus of our thoughts and prayers this Christian Aid Week has been on our work with refugees around the world. Nejebar and her family from Afghanistan, along with Theodor who has been a supporter since he was helped by Christian Aid in the aftermath of the Second World War, have provided us with inspirational messages of hope and love. Thousands of refugees across the globe struggle to make sense of the turmoil they face. Through the time and energy you have given to Christian Aid you are standing with people like them – thank you so much!

THE HAVEN

The situation:

It has been a difficult first half of the year for The Haven...some excellent volunteers with a lot to offer, a lot of visitors, a lot of people housed, a lot of good things going on. But sadly there was a lot of conflict between one or two volunteers over whether they or the trustees were responsible for running the project. They have now left to run their own project with different emphasis, which is a good outcome for everyone, especially the homeless.

But we are making a start on rebuilding. The rumours that we were closed were entirely false. I am delighted to say that Rachel with her husband Mark are now taking a large part in the day-to-day management of The Haven, and working closely with Mark Stokes and the other trustees.

The needs:

- 1) Our greatest need is for **more volunteers** – the opening hours at the moment are quite restricted because of our shortage of volunteers. If you could help, please contact **Rachel** on the Haven number.
- 2) Our **food supplies** often run quite low, so more gifts of food are welcome.
- 3) And thirdly, of course, our **cash income** is also important, and your help is appreciated with that.
- 4) Finally, but in many ways firstly, we need **your prayers** – thank you to all who have been praying with us through some trying months!

Geoff Kimber

Paula Mayer reflects on what she has been through in the last few months:

This has been quite a year! First the unexpected closure of The Haven for two-and-a-half months last summer and then the joyful news of the engagement of our most hard working two volunteers Barry and Sylvia, now happily married.

Then nearly all the trustee team were struck down by accident and sickness, finishing with myself in Newton Abbott Special Care Unit able to speak in Spanish only. I have been deeply touched by churches, Christian Groups, friends, Haven staff and visitors, and by regular prayer meetings from the start. They have happened in Peru too and have greatly helped my recuperation. I am getting better and hope soon to take more of a part in the Haven, in church, everywhere.

Although I could not read even the Bible for several months, I was very aware of God's presence from the start, blessing hospital staff as well as others. Literally there have been miracles and staff as well as patients asking for prayer. One nurse who lost her keys in the night asked me to pray to find them and she found them immediately having nearly lost her job. Just after Christmas I was led to think a lot about the Haven, having thought, having assumed I might never go up the many steps again. The staff showed me what to do and said there was no problem. I was reduced to tears and was able to move back to my flat on the first floor level. I have seen many more prayers and others prayers answered. I now visit the Haven every Wednesday afternoon. Most important is our awareness that as well as physical needs, we need to offer our encounters with God's love and His healing.

I am very grateful for the gifts, prayers and lovely support from The Haven.

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF COLLATON St MARY CHURCH, Blagdon Road, Paignton

The building of the church of St Mary the Virgin, Collaton St Mary took place between 31st. October 1864 and 24th. March 1866, when it was consecrated by the Bishop of Jamaica on behalf of the Bishop of Exeter. The Parish had been created by an Order in Council of Her Majesty Queen Victoria on 27th. August 1864 at the instigation of the Rev J R Hogg, the owner of the nearby Blagdon Barton Estate and the Rector of St Mark's Church, Torwood, Torquay. The church was built in memory of Mary Hogg, his daughter, who died during 1864. The building shows the influence of the Gothic architecture of the early fourteenth century. Its walls are of red sandstone from the nearby Clennon Quarry, with windows and other ornamental features of Bath stone.

While the major part of the building was financed by Revd. Hogg along with the gift of land for the church, vicarage and school, other parts – the pulpit, the eighty-foot tower and the font were gifts of his friends. Over the years many additions and changes have been made – including the outstanding reredos depicting the Last Supper, given in memory of Revd. Hogg, the colourful stained glass windows at east and west ends, and the clock.

One unusual and unique fact – in the churchyard near the church are the resting places, not only of its founder, his wife and daughter (in whose memory it was built) but also Bishop Spencer who consecrated the church, and also of its first vicar.

The Parish of St Mary's, Collaton St Mary is now linked with St George's Goodrington, the two parishes forming a single Mission Community within the area covered by CTIP.

ADVANCE NOTICES

PAIGNTON REGATTA SONGS OF PRAISE - Sunday 13th. August at 4.30pm. on Paignton Green. It will be led by **2B1 Music Group**. **Everyone is welcome - bring your friends & family!**

5th. SUNDAY SERVICE - 29th. OCTOBER 2017

The next 5th. Sunday Service will be held at **Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church** at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome!

If anyone has any comments on this News Sheet or items for inclusion in the next **NEWS from CTIP** you can email them to c.m.marder@btinternet.com or write to Carol Marder, 18, Knapp Park Road, Paignton, TQ4 7LA