

Portsmouth Diocese

Keeping in Touch with You KIT

Newsletter

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“Come Home for Christmas”. This is the message every parish in the country is invited to send out to its non church-going parishioners in the run up to Christmas this year. The idea is promoted by CASE [Catholic Agency to Support Evangelisation], an agency of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference to support and resource parishes in their evangelising work. By September 16th, Home Mission Sunday, every parish will have received a resource pack, including posters, ideas for parishioners to get involved in reaching out, and leaflets for Catholics who have lost touch, offering them a seasonal welcome. *KIT is an ideal way to implement the CASE campaign in your parish or pastoral area. See www.casesources.org.uk or www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

REACHING OUT: In one parish members of the PPC are phoning parishioners to update their parish records. They are also asked if they need any information or help from the parish, or if they would like a visit. This is a great opportunity to contact parishioners who may no longer attend church and listen to their stories, helping to build up parish community.

Kate Harris We are sad to say goodbye to Kate, our original diocesan representative. We will miss her energy, care, encouragement and enthusiasm, and our love and best wishes go with her as she moves on to other diocesan work. A big welcome to Fran Ross from the diocese who replaces her.

LOUD & CLEAR CONFERENCE At the KIT workshops we asked participants to pause in prayer for someone they loved who no longer comes to Mass. It was a powerful experience and made the KIT ministry very personal to those taking part.

PRAYER lies at the very heart of the KIT ministry. You can invite your housebound and parish religious communities to pray for KIT. Why not order copies of the KIT prayer to distribute to parishioners to involve them in your work?

News around and beyond the Diocese

- ❖ Enquiries about KIT are coming in from far and wide, from Australia to California, County Meath to Caerphilly, Rutland to Rugby, Cambridge to Merton, Basingstoke to Bournemouth.
- ❖ KIT workshop at ICNE (International Congress for New Evangelisation in Budapest from September 16-22nd 2007. See www.caseresources.org.uk
- ❖ Leeds diocese: After an hour long presentation in June for over 260 participants, KIT has now been asked to do a full day's workshop on October 6th.
- ❖ Trowbridge KIT group has visited over 60 homes and is set to continue after the summer break.
- ❖ St. Mary's, Leyland (Lancs) have involved the parish in a series of open meetings, and are now training a team to go out home visiting.
- ❖ St. Michael & All Angels, Leigh Park (Havant) As well as home visiting, the KIT team ran a tea and chat afternoon and 16 people came!
- ❖ New Forest Anthony Kirke (one of our team members) has been elected KIT representative for this Pastoral area
- ❖ Romsey 16 KIT team members were commissioned by their parish priest in May and are now involved in home visiting.
- ❖ ALL THESE GROUPS ASK US FOR OUR PRAYERS. Copies of the KIT prayer and the KIT commissioning service are available from Park Place.
- ❖ Send us your news, questions, comments for inclusion in the next edition of this KIT newsletter