

## **St Peter and St Paul Wadhurst**

### **Report for APCM 2020 – Ministry Action Group**

#### **Cameo - lunch club for the elderly.**

The Cameo lunch club took place regularly throughout the year, meeting on Wednesdays at St George's Hall. About 20 members attended regularly, with 6 helpers. Morning coffee, a two course hot lunch cooked on the premises and tea is provided for our members. We arrange exercises suitable for the elderly and entertainment in the afternoons.

The club is very important for the members and is much appreciated for the friendly atmosphere and the chance to get out, meet friends and have a good chat.

Sadly we had to close during March this year due to Covid and this has been a huge blow to our members, severely isolating them. Although our helpers have been in regular telephone contact with our members, this is no satisfactory substitution for the club. We do look forward to returning to St George's Hall but have no idea when this might be.

#### **Senior Lunch**

As usual, two lunches were held last year in May and November. Senior Lunch is free for senior residents of Wadhurst, Stonegate and Tidebrook and about 160 people are invited with about 115 attending. The lunch is followed by entertainment.

The lunch in May this year also had to be cancelled. And again it is not known when we shall be able to resume.

#### **Afternoon Fellowship**

This has met monthly throughout the year at St George's Hall. About 40 have regularly attended the meetings which consist of hymns, Bible reading and prayers followed by a speaker on a subject of interest, or some entertainment.

This again provided a chance for the elderly to get out and meet their friends, but this too had to stop in March this year.

Here again, we have tried to keep in touch by telephone with our members.

#### **Monthly mid week Communion**

A small group of elderly were regularly brought to this service throughout last year. It has been important for those who have come. We hope it will continue when these services are permitted again.

#### **Wadhurst Friends**

The monthly tea parties continued last year with visits to private houses and entertainment at St George's Hall and Stonegate Village Hall. The meetings had to stop in mid February.

#### **Focus**

The delivery of Focus magazine has not been interrupted by Covid, and so people have been kept in touch with what is happening – or not happening – in the parish thanks to the 50 or so Focus deliverers. We like the new colourful look and look forward to the time when Focus can record all the numerous activities which will go ahead in Wadhurst.

Thank you to all the teams of helpers and drivers who, in normal times, so faithfully make all these events happen. We hope these can be resumed in the not too distant future.

*Jackie Scott October 2020*