

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
PORTSMOUTH BRANCH
LYMINGTON SECTION
Annual Report 2022

Well, we are entering upon another year, time seems to go so very fast these days. We still have Covid although things seem to be a bit better. We had our AGM on 8th February and the meeting elected the same officers for the next year. We had one new member Corrine Knowles which was a welcome addition to our section.

On Saturday 19th February we had the CWL Spring Meeting via Zoom. 100+ people attended from all over the country. It was interesting to hear that there is a Zambian Association of ladies who have many members in the CWL. One of their members said a decade of the Rosary with Fr Marcin.

There was a lot of information for the Treasurers of the different branches/sections who were all experiencing problems with HSBC. Barclays Bank cannot, at the moment, take on anymore Community banking as they have rather a lot of people applying.

Members were spit into Zoom groups to get other ideas on how to raise money for their sections, some people made Jam/Pickles etc., and sold them at church, one member raised £150 from that. We were asked to try to get other members in the parish to join CWL as we now only have 1300 members in the UK, apparently, in the 1980's, it was 40,000! Fr Marcin ended the meeting with the Rosary.

The Women's World Day of Prayer was on the 4th March. Eileen, Margaret H, Wendy and Maureen attended. It was written by the women of the UK and gave a lot of pause for thought in this modern age. The ladies said they had an enjoyable time. This year men were welcomed.

At our meeting on 8th February, Rini gave a talk about the Children of the Universe, her charitable foundation in South Africa. The present school was built by Germans and they have 8 classes and a hall. There are 197 children in attendance. The teenagers are given Life Skills classes. 10 children have their school fees paid by CUF. It was decided that we should put a box at the end of the church and collect Easter Eggs for Stellar Maris to give to the seafarers at Easter.

On 15th March Eileen, Wendy and Barbara attended Our Lady of Mercy and St Joseph Primary School, it is the catholic primary in Lymington. The Head had asked for people to donate trees because they wanted to make an orchard for the children. It was well attended by parents and children, and amazingly the children planted bushes all around the perimeter, they worked very hard with their parents and 2 members of Caritas directing them on how to plant. Several fruit trees were also planted including one donated by us to commemorate our 50th anniversary in Lymington.

