

Pastoral Care

General

Under the leadership of Judith Roberts, SAPLC has a team involved in and committed to developing pastoral care, with staff and many others reaching out and offering care to both church members and the local community.

A monthly service suited to people living with dementia is offered at a neighbouring EMI care home and volunteers take Holy Communion to four other residential care homes in the parish. Both clergy and members of the congregation provide regular voluntary support at MHA Southcroft Retirement Living with Care which is situated next to the church. A weekly dementia café, the Tuesday Café, has been offered in church since March 2018; this has been a great success and clearly meets a need in the community.

We provide a monthly Fellowship Lunch, with food and fellowship for about 20 people who would otherwise be alone. There is a weekly Parent and Baby Group which aims to provide a friendly and relaxed atmosphere for new Mums and Dads with their babies to meet other new parents. A Knit and Natter Group of people from the Church and the community meets weekly in Shirley House for a crafting session.

April 2021 update

Sadly many of our activities have had to remain closed since March 2020. Knit and Natter met in gardens over the summer and a small group of their members meets when possible in Shirley House. Church Links leaders have been in touch with their group members. There was a Links meeting on Zoom in November in order to allocate to Links groups the new members we have been pleased to welcome recently to SAPL.