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Other items raised:

- Frances Hurley – What is happening about the lighting in the Narthex?
A second quote is to be received shortly and may indeed have come while Debbie was away last week.
- Mary Regan – Is anyone else affected by the brightness of the security light on the corner of the Sartan Club as they drive in through the gates?
Debbie to approach the Sartan Club.
- Fr Michael – Is the cost of the planned Rome pilgrimage, based at the English College, too much to pay?
It was felt by several people that it was too expensive in the current financial climate. Joan to be asked to look at booking somewhere else.

We are on the Web!
saintpius-online.info

Rocking and Rolling For Those In Need

The purpose of St Pius X Project and Social Committee is twofold, it raises funds for desperately needy people and it gives parishioners an opportunity to spend time together. This year we as a Parish have supported Smile Train, Send-A-Cow (WaterAid), and Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals was set up to provide school feeding projects in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from getting an

education and is doing great work in many countries of the world. Social activities this year have included a Beetle Drive, a coffee morning at Sally's, a Quiz Night which was great fun with questions chosen and read out by Wayne. In August, Sally and her family had an Open Day which raised a huge amount of money. Children especially enjoyed seeing the Jacob sheep, geese and chickens. In September, Dave gave us a sixties

musical evening which brought back happy memories for many. We all enjoyed Sue and Roger rocking and rolling. Recently, Anton Bantock gave a very interesting talk on Bishopsworth through the ages.

On the board in the Foyer, are more details of our activities. The words 'I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink', really do apply to the people of this Parish.



"When I was hungry and you fed me ..."

1st Nov 2009

Saints Assemble!

As A People of Hope, What Have We Got To Offer Anyone?

Sandra O'Shea and Simon Bale, from the Institute for Social Responsibility for Churches, came to our Assembly on the Feast of All Saints. They had been invited by the Churches Together in Hartcliffe & Withywood to try to discover what gifts each church has in terms of ministry that might lead us into working together to meet the needs of the community around us.

spring, all the churches will meet together to celebrate what comes out of this exercise.

stickers—a **practice you are all invited to continue in the next few days.**



From the small seed of our gifts the true vine can grow

We understand ourselves by what is reflected back at us through our relationships with other people.

The purpose of this exercise is to gain a sense of what God is calling us to be, to understand the strength we have in our different individual gifts brought together as the body of the Church, and to understand our own uniqueness at St Pius.

WE ARE THE BRANCHES OF THE VINE!

With this in mind we acknowledged some of our own and each others gifts, using stickers on a cut out of a bunch of grapes. When these were hung up on the display board we continued to affirm each other's gifts by adding dots to the

We finished with a delicious soup lunch kindly provided by the Project & Social Group.

Special points of interest:

- The School IS Serving A Purpose
- Parish Visiting Team Established
- Our Sister Parish
- Photovoltaic Panels
- Rocking & Rolling For Those In Need
- Any Other Business

Acknowledging that we do already come together on occasions, how might we serve differently in the future? What makes us smile and passionate? What do we have at St Pius X that is distinctive? In the

The School IS Serving A Purpose

The school website states that there is no more news on a possible closure. No news is good news. In the meantime, it is being proved that the school is serving a purpose. New enquiries are being received all the time for places throughout all the years in

the school. Number are being maintained and where there has been movement it has been for other normal reasons such as moving homes. The Head and 6 teachers will be attending a theological



The children love being part of the parish

course for teachers which is being run by Bishop Declan. **Please keep up your prayers.**

Parish Visiting Team Established

The different roles of groups and individuals in the Parish was discussed and it became apparent that there is a strong commitment to caring for the physical and spiritual needs of those who are no longer able to continue as active members of our community.

It was also apparent that although an impressive amount of work

was being done already, we would be more effective if we could work together as a team. Thus a Parish Visiting Team was formed to include the SVP, extraordinary Ministers of Communion, drivers and befrienders.

We meet regularly to allocate visitors to parishioners. More importantly, the new system 'flags up' any parishioners who may have been

overlooked. From May to September 09, the team has made 158 home visits, taken communion to the housebound on 41 occasions, and made 21 visits to hospitals. Currently 6 drivers bring 13 parishioners to Mass. **We would welcome any new members. More drivers are also needed to provide cover for holidays and sickness.**

Please let us know of anyone who is ill, hospitalised, or indeed in need of support.

Our Sister Parish

Fr Michael has now had responsibility for the Sacred Heart parish for three months and it seems to be working well. There are approximately 80 who come to the 9am Sunday Mass.

Parishioners enjoyed coming over to St Pius for the Harvest

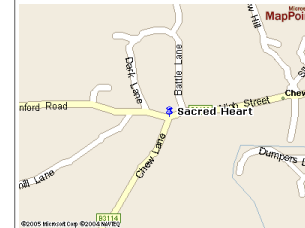
celebrations. Eighteen parishioners recently took part in the Living in Christ Retreat. Everyone found it stimulating and worthwhile.

Their next assembly is on the Feast of Christ the King.

More and more in the future, we



must think of the two sister parishes being in partnership. Fr Michael hopes that we continue to build up the relationship.



Photovoltaic Panels

The application to the Community Sustainable Energy Programme for funding the Photovoltaic panels was turned down as we were unable to submit an Equal Opportunities Policy at the time.

A draft policy has now been drawn up for the Diocese and was sent to the Bishop's Conference office in Eccleston Square, London to be checked. The Diocesan Trustees will hopefully be able to ratify the new

policy at their November meeting. As soon as we have a copy, we shall re-apply.

In the meantime, we can send off an application to the other fund, the Low Carbon Building Project.

If at first you don't succeed, try and try again!