

Alan joins archdiocese as new head of safeguarding

BIRMINGHAM: Alan Hassall has taken up the post of permanent head of safeguarding for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Alan is a registered social worker and has recently been working for a local authority, but has also previously worked for the NSPCC.

His work has involved working alongside agencies to develop safeguarding and create organisations safe for children and adults but also for those working and volunteering in them.

Andrew Haley has now completed his interim role as head of safeguarding transformation. He was able to address immediate issues identified following the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and Charity Commission inquiries.

The learning from both processes is key to shaping our next steps.

The Safeguarding Team, based at Cathedral House, are on hand to help with any safeguarding-related issue. They can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or via email safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org



Top marks as Godalming quiz night graded a huge success

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON: A community quiz night has raised over £750 to help support people in developing countries to break free from poverty.

On Saturday, 19th October, the Justice and Peace group at St Edmund's parish, Godalming, held a fantastic quiz night to fundraise for CAFOD's World Gifts scheme – a range of virtual gift that supports families around the world.

Eight teams took part, which was hosted by husband and wife team Ian and Jan Honeysett. While Ian acted as quizmaster on the night, Jan prepared the themed rounds which ranged from musicals to British cathedrals and countries where CAFOD works.

There was a delicious supper of

jacket potato provided and each team brought a pudding to share. During the break, there was a raffle which raised over £260.

Jo Lewry, a CAFOD representative in Godalming who attended and has been involved with the quiz for many years, said: "I would like to say thanks to all those who donated a raffle prize, to St John's Church, Farncombe, for hosting the quiz, and to Frances and Gary for helping with the washing up!

"The result was very close with the team 'I thought it was Alpha' winning with a total of 85 points, and they received a hamper of Fair-trade products as their prize.

"A special thanks to Ian and Jan for another fantastic evening of brain-teasing questions and hilari-

ous jokes. Hope to see you all next year for the 2020 quiz!"

CAFOD is celebrating over a decade of World Gifts, which were established as alternative charity gifts that would help transform lives and communities.

These virtual gifts are great presents for friends, family, and teachers – but most importantly, make a very real difference to families living in poverty around the world.

Since its inception, the scheme has raised over £13 million, helping over 100,000 children to receive school starter kits – opening doors to education and work – and has brought hundreds of thousands of animals to families, helping to create countless small businesses.

More at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

'Cash for Trash' to support the planet

BIRMINGHAM: Two churches in Oxford are taking seriously their responsibility to care for our planet, in response to Pope Francis' plea in *Laudato Si*, that we must 'care for the planet and the concerns of young people around the world.'

That's why parishioners at Corpus Christi RC Church in Headington and Our Lady of Lourdes in Wheatley have focused on recycling and collecting items with hidden value found in every household as part of CAFOD's Live Simply Campaign.

Following the worries expressed by scientists that valuable precious metals are being used up rapidly in electronic devices, the churches are gathering valuable 'trash for cash'. Old mobile phones, cameras, sat navs, tablet computers and Kindles all contain precious metals including gold, silver, copper, platinum and palladium, and a round-up of unwanted pieces of kit from among parishioners proved very fruitful.

Parishioner Fortunata Oates said: "Mining these metals from ore is difficult; it takes a tonne of ore to get 1g of gold, but we can recycle it from existing mobile phones and other electronic equipment."

Dr John Guy, formerly a research chemist and now a parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes, said: "It is not easy but

recycling can yield a surprising amount of material.

"Other rare earth elements such as yttrium and gadolinium are in the phone screens; neodymium and praseodymium are used in headphones, speakers and microphones; lanthanum is used in the tiny lens in the phone's camera.

"All these rare elements can be recovered from unwanted electronic items."

The churches are also collecting other items like jewellery and watches, foreign currency left over from holidays abroad, and used postage stamps which people collect and then leave in drawers and cupboards.

Claire Harvey, a parishioner at Corpus Christi, said: "I was astonished to find that I had three old mobile phones in the drawer at home which I had collected over the last 10 years – alongside three cameras, two tablets and a Kindle!"

Over the last two weekends, parishioners brought in sackfuls of precious trash which will be bagged up and sent for recycling to Recycling for Good Causes.

The company then gives money back to the parish which will be sent to CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development.

The two church communities, forming one parish, hope to be granted the CAFOD Live Simply Award in the coming months.



Fortunata and Lily with some of the first bags of 'trash' sent in. Goods included will be recycled and precious metals extracted, with monies raised sent on to CAFOD

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