

NEWS FROM ST MARGARET'S HOUSE



A full and varied programme of outings and entertainment is always available at the House. To say the residents enjoy the variety is an understatement.

In the main this is due to the efforts of Church and voluntary groups who give of their time and talents, giving the dedicated staff a break from their duties.

“Sing-a-longs” and the occasional venture on the dance floor lend an uplifting experience to the participants (including the writer).



One of the highlights was the recent trip to the Church hall for an afternoon “Soiree” organised by Bill Anderson and his team. Eight residents plus carers listened and sang along to a five piece band after a delicious afternoon tea, joining in with a large group of the more “senior” members of our congregation.

An organisation called “Faith Works” has accepted nominations to identify the top residential homes. I gather that St Margaret’s is on the short list – fingers crossed.

Richard

THREE WISE MONKEYS



Koshin is the collective name for the Three Wise Monkeys of Japan

MIZARU See no evil
KIKAZARU Hear no evil
IWAZARU Speak no evil

It is said that the monkeys, striking their poses to convey the command of the Buddhist God Vajra, originated in China.

Submitted by Lyn McQuaker

The Road to Emmaus by Helen Julian CSF

This book is written by an Anglican Franciscan Sister and is a book of study and reflections. It is geared towards solo study, but could work as part of a group study. Sister Helen has taken seven figures from the development of British spirituality and linked their writings to the scriptures which inspired them. She gently explains their background and experience which led to their thoughts and the expression of their theology and quotes from their best known works. There are forty eight reflections – divided up according to the ‘companion’s’ writing and ending with a ‘performance’ section which gives guidance to practicing the spiritual disciplines which enabled the writers to experience God and write about Him. These 48 devotions are designed to take you from Easter to Pentecost, but are not limited to that season only and I can guarantee you will find plenty of challenging material at any time of year!

I was particularly challenged by the Wesley brothers! Although, Sister Helen does not provide an exhaustive biography of them I have them straightened out in my head. I found myself reading snippets to Jerome of the stories of their ministry and remembering how God used them so mightily. Their legacy, even in the Church of Scotland, is still very much in evidence today!

Available in the Church Library!
Tracey

Four things let us ever keep in mind:



God hears prayer

God heeds prayer

God answers prayer

And God delivers by prayer

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