

Report for Parish Council meeting on 13 May 2024

Kettle's Calling Friendship Group is held in St. Mary's Church Community Room on the first and third Monday each month, from 2.00pm until 4.pm, and has been running for around ten years. The group is free to attend and we serve tea/coffee/scones. There is however a voluntary donation pot, at the end of each year a donation is made to a charity of the group's choice, at the end of 2023 we donated £50.00 each to the British Heart Foundation and Barnardos in Memory of our late friend Eileen Pearce who had been a regular member. It is a lovely group and anyone who drops in will be given a very warm welcome. At the moment we usually number between 12-15.

My grateful thanks go to Mrs Anita Kemp who helps with the running of Kettle's Calling Friendship Group.

#### Faith in Fellowship

The Faith in Fellowship Group began several years ago and was started when the decision was made to suspend the Mothers Union. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 2:30pm. We begin with a simple service of worship, which is followed by a chat and refreshments. There is no charge, but a collection dish is there for those who wish to donate. From this the group presents a Storytelling Bible to every child baptised in St Mary's. We support the Stowmarket Food Bank, and The Q.V.S.R. Seafarers Centre which runs out of Felixstowe docks, for whom we run a scheme knitting hats and gloves for the seafarers. Over the years we must have sent hundreds of hats which are left in the centre reception for anyone who wishes to take one. Lots go overboard I think! There is a basket in church for anyone to pick up yarn or leave completed hats, which now arrive for us from places as far away as Diss and Rickinghall for instance. This is a smaller group than Kettle's Calling, usually 6-8 but an important group nonetheless, new members are always welcome.

Again my thanks go to Anita who helps with the running of the group.

Linda Last