

## **Pastoral Group Report for AGM 2018**

Members: Pauline Hinge (Chair), Viv Emmett, Rosemary Thomson, Rob Klincke, Sheila Bridgewater, Gill Pigram, Margaret Trickett

**Transport** A system has been established whereby parishioners who need transport to church or hospital can obtain this help. Any offers of help with this service would be very welcome.

### **Services in Residential Homes**

Care homes are required to show that they are providing spiritual care and it is an opportunity to be the church outside the church building.

Margaret Fox is heading up a monthly gathering with music, singing and chat which has been very well received. She will welcome any who would like to join up with that group. Please speak to Margaret for more information.

### **Pastoral Care**

The Archdeacon of Hertford is leading a Diocesan course, at St. James Thorley, to improve the pastoral skills of any who are involved with pastoral work. Five members of St. Michaels are taking part. We encourage you to be aware of anyone in need of this help and to suggest that they seek a listener.

Everyone in our church is encouraged to look out for new people at every opportunity; to introduce yourself, and show them how they can get involved, starting with completing a welcome card so that your contact can be followed up.

### **Baptism and Newcomers**

Each year the Pastoral Group invite those newly baptized, with their families to come and get better acquainted with each other and the team. This year we also included those adults who had joined St Michaels in the past year. A lot of fun and games with tea and coffee ensued!!

Pauline Hinge  
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