## Winchester Section of the Catholic Women's League of England and Wales



The Catholic Women's League is a worldwide organisation united in friendship and love, where members use and develop their talents in a wide range of projects. The CWL was originally founded by Margaret Fletcher in 1907 and now has branches all over the world. Our patron saint is Margaret Clitherow.

The organisation provides an opportunity for Catholic women to meet together, nurture our faith, support charitable projects and one another.

## Caring with Love

**Social:** being in the company of others and valuing the comradery that develops through meeting and being together.

**Learning:** the national CWL organises pilgrimages, trips out, quizzes and events via zoom. Locally the Winchester section invite speakers to attend meetings to talk about a variety of topics from local history, to learning about the work of local charities or developing new skills.

**Spiritual**: each meeting starts and ends with a prayer. Members share the same faith values and speakers come to talk about a variety of topics which deepen our spirituality and give us a greater understanding of our faith. There are regular opportunities to explore our faith, celebrate mass and the rosary.

**Charity:** members hold a charity lunch once a month in St Peter's Pastoral Centre. This provides an opportunity for people to have a nutritious meal, socialise and also support a local charity. In 2023 the Winchester CWL raised £2,108 for local charities. For details of the dates of the Soup and Pud lunches see the church newsletter and website. Members also stitch 'Crosses in Pockets' for prisoners and knit hats for Stella Maris seafarers.

We are an organisation for all women in the parish. We share faith, skills and friendship. If you are interested in joining us please come along to one of our monthly meetings, held on a Thursday, 4-6pm in St Peter's Pastoral Centre. Dates of meetings can be found at the bottom of the page

Please contact Sue Dailly at <u>sue.dailly@btinternet.com</u> for further information

To apply for membership or for further information see the CWL website at catholicwomensleaguecio.org.uk

Meeting Dates for 2024 are

| 15 <sup>th</sup> February  | 21 <sup>st</sup> March   | 18 <sup>th</sup> April    |
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| 16 <sup>th</sup> May       | 20 <sup>th</sup> June    | 18 <sup>th</sup> July     |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> September | 17 <sup>th</sup> October | 21 <sup>st</sup> November |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December  |                          |                           |