**List of Parish Outreach Ministries - 2024**

**Interested in joining one of the listed ministries? To find out more, please contact the Ministry leaders by phoning or emailing the Parish Office: office@stpeterswinchester.org.uk**

**CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, works to raise awareness and equip people with skills/ tools to combat poverty, the consequences of conflict and climate change.

**Caritas** is the social action agency of the diocese responding to local needs through social action projects especially reaching out to those who are most marginalised and vulnerable.

**Catenians** are a men’s fellowship organisation that supports young people through the Catenian Bursary Fund, and many other youth-related initiatives.

**Catholic Women’s League** (CWL) is a women’s friendship group which meets regularly and supports local charitable needs.

**Covenant with the Poor** (CWP) group meets regularly to plan and organise four parish-wide appeals each year supporting both international and local-based projects.

**Family Fridays** is a parish initiative to help young families who are increasingly in need because of the rise in the cost of living. This provides an opportunity for our Parish to support these families.

**Laudato si’** group follows the messages in the Pope’s Laudato si’ and Laudate Diem encyclicals to inform parishioners on safeguarding God’s creation by focusing on climate-change issues.

**PeterCares** is a befriending project offering support by linking volunteer parishioner telephone callers with fellow parishioners and providing a regular friendly chat and prayer.

**Prison Mass Support Group** assists the Winchester Prison Chaplain at the weekly Saturday Mass and aims to assist prisoners in their faith through discussion and by providing materials and prayers.

**St Peter’s Sanctuary Welcome Hub** provides a welcome meeting place for refugees and all people seeking sanctuary.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** (SVP) visits and provides needed practical and emotional support and provides Christmas parcels to a range of individuals and families living in and around Winchester.

**Street Pastors** meet each week in St Peter’s Parish Centre to patrol the streets of Winchester every Friday and Saturday night and to assist and pray for the people that they meet.

**Welcome and Hospitality** is a team that welcomes all who come into our church community.

**Winchester Basics Bank** provides an emergency food and clothing service for people facing difficulty and in need of support following an unexpected event in their lives.

**Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy** befriends and supports people of all faiths and of none, acting as a ‘listening ear’, on a pastoral basis, in shops and offices and the Court.

**Other Outreach and Service organisations supported by parishioners include:**

- BOAZ - New Foundations

- Christians against Poverty (CAP) - Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group

- Churches Together in Winchester and Alresford - Trinity Centre

- MHA – Communities - Winchester Beacon