

Focus Group Report for April 2020 AGM – St Martin's Church, Chelsfield

The Focus Group has continued to meet monthly throughout the year, sharing thoughts, concerns and prayers for those both in our community and those in other parts of the world where so many people are in need, especially in areas of conflict.

Some of our thoughts have centred around the International Nepal Fellowship – a Christian Charity that we have supported in the past. I.N.F. was initially concerned with Leprosy, but now its work is much more diverse. They have a large medical centre in Surkhet, and are building medical outposts in some of the most remote parts of Nepal. At the hospital they provide expert treatment for a wide range of medical and surgical problems, beside maternity care, special services for the disabled, (many of whom have been crippled by Leprosy), and now support those terminally ill with palliative care.

It was to support the charity that the group organised a Christmas Raffle, the proceeds of which went towards further extension of the main hospital.

During Christian Aid week we hosted a "Big Breakfast" and also supported the "Circle the City Walk".

We welcomed back Pat Cross, one of our founder members. Pauline Christian, another long term member has not been well enough to join us and we sent a Christmas gift to her and John on Christmas Eve.

We would welcome others to join us, providing fresh thoughts and ideas. We meet at 12.30 on the third Wednesday of the month at 58, Warren Road, where we also enjoy a light lunch together.

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