

## **Our Lady's & St. Joseph's AGM 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

### **Agenda item 10 (iv)**

#### **Report on Care for Our Common Home Group for Our Lady's Parish AGM on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2019**

We wish to record our thanks to the Sisters of Mercy, Lindsay and Moira, who have recently moved to Leeds. Lindsay and Moira made a big contribution to our group from its inception and are sadly missed! Our small group is now even more in need of new members!

The CCH group held an open evening for the parish on 20<sup>th</sup> September last year when we showed the film 'Global Healing' which is promoted by the Bishops' Conference. This is an excellent film which highlights ways in which we can all take small steps to mitigate climate change. Unfortunately the stormy weather on the night was not an encouragement to attend so the parish turnout was disappointingly low. However the group is considering reshowing the film later in the year.

Last year the group provided planters, compost and small herb plants for the Youth Group, who planted up the containers. The planters have been placed outside the entrance to the parish hall. Hopefully they are encouraging more bees as well as providing a handy source of herbs,

The group has also undertaken providing climate friendly cleaning materials for the parish from Fairer World, the Fairtrade shop which supplies the parish stall on the first Sunday of the month.

We have been hibernating as far as gardening activities have been concerned during the winter months, although there is evidence of our activity in the parish garden. With the arrival of spring we have plans to start weeding, pruning and digging once more.

We would very much like to be able to welcome some new members to help take care of our Common Home.

**Clare Palmer**