

MAIDSTONE CHRISTIAN CANCER SUPPORT GROUP



Easter Newsletter 2017

Dear Friends

After the months of planning the MCCSG was launched on 6 February with a truly wonderful commissioning service at Linton Road Congregational Church, which is now our 'ideal-in-every-way' meeting place. A group from the Loseley Christian Cancer Help Centre (Guildford) came to support us, and it was great to have our friends Brother Christopher, OGS (Director, Loseley Christian Trust) as our speaker and Canon Peter Thompson (its chaplain) to conduct the commissioning of the core team and group. Helen Jones, who runs the Firm Roots network of cancer prayer groups, also spoke and really encouraged us. We are now discussing how we can work more closely with her in the future.

Our four regular meetings so far have been good, and we feel the group is developing its own identity and friendship base. Attendances were 13, 11, 11 and 8 (holidays, hospital appointments for that one!) and we are developing a prayer support system. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month (12.30-3.00pm). Please note that there will be no meeting on Easter Monday but we will be together again on May Day. Jane Viner, the Macmillan Engagement Coordinator for the South East, who has been very supportive, will be coming to our meeting on 15 May.

Ann and I recently did a presentation to the Maidstone church ministers at their breakfast meeting, which was well received and has resulted in invitations to speak at a couple of churches. If you know anyone whose life is affected by cancer please encourage them to get in touch with us. We are now on Facebook and the web: www.ccsгдаidstone.org

Thank you for your interest, with special thanks to our helpers and to those individuals and churches whose generosity has given us such a good start financially.

May the risen Lord Jesus Christ fill your life with faith, hope and love this Eastertime.

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