

Getting involved with the local Community:

Just an encouragement regarding a way to get involved with your local community. The Pedmore House Group (Austin, Charis, the Kents' and the Milnes) meets every Monday 8-9.30 pm alternating at the Kents' house and the Milnes' house. We wanted to do something around Christmas time which would involve the people near where we live so we decided to go carol singing. On the Monday before Christmas we started at the Kents' house and walked round to the Milnes' house, stopping at regular intervals to sing one or two carols at each stop, led by Mark on his guitar. The best thing about it was that not only was it the 11 of us (including children) but a good number of family, friends and neighbours who we had invited to come along with us. They were not all churchgoers but said that they really enjoyed doing something with and around the community. The comments we got from the people who came to their front doors was fantastic—"thank you so much for coming round", "it's so lovely that you are doing this", "I wish there were more things like this going on" and made us feel that we were in some way reminding people of part of what Christmas is about. As a bonus we raised £71 for Mary Stevens' Hospice as well. We are trying to come up with ideas for our next mini-community activity **Chris Milne.**

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is being held at St. Andrews, Wollescote on Friday 6th March at 2.00 pm. Everyone welcome.

WRITING GROUP: If you have an interest in words, enjoy reading and writing (on any level) or would like to write or need help with writing skills why not join our **Brand New Writing Group** held on Tuesday morning at the Net Café. For more details have a word with Keith.

CHRIST CHURCH RECIPE BOOK? At the end of a very enjoyable Eritrean evening where we tasted Feven's wonderful cooking, I jokingly suggested to Simon that with such a diverse congregation, we should have our own recipe book. Since then I have been thinking more about the idea and it has grown on me. Not only do we have a good variety of theological, cultural and ethnic backgrounds represented in our Church, we have some very good cooks. At various bring and share meals, celebrations for baptisms and confirmations, national evenings, alpha courses and so on, I have tasted some lovely food. I would therefore like to produce a recipe book that:- lets people recreate some of the meals we have eaten, celebrates the fact that we are one body in Christ but made up from a whole variety of parts and focuses on particular areas of the world and their food, politics and prayer needs. Whether we produce it to sell and raise money for the church I don't know yet, but I'd like to do it anyway and so, if people are interested, then please talk to me at church or e-mail me at chris.s.milne@blueyonder.co.uk I am happy to produce it but will need lots of contributions to make it work. **Chris Milne.**