

Memories of Thornton Heath from Lucia Daye, Associate.

When I first joined the parish of St Andrew's, I met Sister Catherine (Kathleen Rathe), Sister Mary (Peter) and Sister Margaret (Eager) for the first time.



They are no longer with us today but are still here in spirit.

I joined the Baptism preparation group which was run by Sister Catherine every third Sunday of the month. This group helped prepare parents for the Baptism of their babies.

I would come home from night duty and get ready for church. After the baptisms, we would go over to the convent for tea/coffee and cakes. I always looked forward to this part as I had not had breakfast and it was also a nice time to have a chit chat with the Sisters about life and have a laugh as well.

Sister Mary made me laugh all the time and always told loads of jokes. Sister Margaret on the other hand was a quiet lady but made us laugh one Saturday when we had our church dance. She overcame her shyness and got up and had a dance with us.

On the spiritual side of things, Sister Margaret and Sister Theresa (Clements) who is also with us in spirit) would share scriptures with us a few times in the convent. This gave me more wisdom and guidance in my life.

I then started to wonder how I could get involved. One Saturday, in the church hall different groups within the church spoke about what they did. Eddie explained to me what the DMJ Associates was about and I asked him to take me to Emmaus with him. I am still at Emmaus until this present day as an Associate. I always look forward to going to Emmaus but sometimes I am unable to attend as much as I should.



I also met Sister Helen at Emmaus. I became so close to her and shared so much with her.

I would like to thank all the Sisters who inspire me with Gods words in my life.

Love & God's Blessings

Lucia