

Just for information

ST BENET'S EMBROIDERY GROUP

The Embroidery Group will meet at the Convent 2.30 - 4.30pm on Thursday November 3rd. The Gillingham project, which has entailed making 80 hassocks and a communion rail kneeler, is virtually complete and will certainly will be so in time for the Dedication Mass on November 17. Having completed both our projects - the first was for the Lady Chapel at St Benet's - this seems a fitting point to call a halt to our monthly meetings. The meeting on November 3 will therefore be the last meeting of the Embroidery Group, at least for the time being (special cakes!), and I hope you will be able to attend.

At the meeting we will be reporting on the Knitting and Stitching Show (London October 20-23 and Harrogate November 24-27) which six of us will be attending on October 22. We have entered two specially designed kneelers in the kneeler competition. These have been worked by Rona Baxter and Mary Day and will be placed in St Benet's church when they are returned in early December. There are cash prizes to be won (first prize £1,000). These go to the church nominated by those entering the competition but as many hundreds have been entered, I'm afraid we have, alas, little chance of winning a prize for St Benet's. We have also entered one of the Rosary kneelers (The Coronation of Our Lady which was embroidered by Carmen Newton) in the display at the exhibition.

There may be some additional embroidery required at Gillingham and St Benet's in the future so if any members would welcome the opportunity to do some more canvas work, please let me know. Also, if you have any design books or frames or left-over wool belonging to the group or to other members, please bring them to this meeting. We also have to decide what to do with the wool left over from the St Benet's project.

Thank you all for your help, friendship, perseverance and skill and also many thanks to the Sisters for giving us a home in the Convent for the past six years. It's sad to think that in those six short years we have lost two of our members - Netta Stevenson and Maria Matthews - RIP - please remember them in your prayers.

Finally I hope you will all support the special Bring and Buy Stall organised by the Wednesday Club to be held after the 10 O'clock Mass on Sunday November 13, part of the proceeds of which will be used to defray the cost of sending our entries to the Knitting and Stitching Show.

Margaret