

## **PETERSGATE COUNSELLING CENTRE**

Key statistics for **January & February 2010**.

Comparative figures for 2009 are shown in brackets.

Number of counselling sessions: **1,006 (985)**

Number of new requests for counselling: **221 (226)**

A heart-felt thank you to the many people who have responded to our appeal for funds for the extension and refurbishment of our counselling rooms at 29 Yaldhurst Road. Parishioners, Parishes, Trusts, the Friends of Petersgate, and several other individuals have donated almost \$130,000 so far and we feel incredibly fortunate to have had such a wonderful response. We still believe the overall cost of the project will be in the region of \$300,000. If you would like to make a donation please either phone Petersgate on 343 3391 or donate directly into our bank account number 03 0830 0280160 00. If you choose this method please let us know so we can issue a receipt for tax refund purposes for donations over \$5.00.

We are getting very close to being able to lodge our application to the City Council for building consent for the proposed work. The necessary consultants' reports on structural, fire and thermal, and car park work have been received or are expected in the next little while.

Our AGM will be held this year at Petersgate at 7.30pm on Thursday 22 April and you are invited to attend. Plans of the building development work will be available at the AGM.

2009 was another amazing year in Petersgate's 13 years history. Our counsellors conducted 7,491 counselling sessions, an average of more than 30 sessions per day.

2010 has started off as busy as ever with more requests for counselling than last year.

Have you got a couple of hours to spare once a month? We are seeking a suitably qualified and motivated individual for our Honorary Treasurer position. You would become a Trustee of the Petersgate Trust along with representatives of our six contributing Parishes, the University of Canterbury, and the community. If you could be interested, or would like to find out more, give Denis a call on 347 4700.

A very successful Counsellors' Training and Retreat was held at Staveley on 27 & 28 February. Trust Board members and office volunteers joined our counsellors for a day led by Lynda Patterson, Theologian-in-Residence at Christchurch Cathedral. Then on Sunday Susannah Kenton taught the counsellors EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique) and everyone returned home feeling that this was one of the best Retreats ever.

Denis Warren  
**Manager**