

PETERSGATE COUNSELLING CENTRE

Client statistics

Comparative figures for 2009 are shown in brackets.

Number of counselling sessions: **September 665 (689). Year to date: 6,114 (5,731)**

Number of new requests for counselling: **September 97 (135). Year to date: 1,126 (1,157)**

You can see from the above statistics that in the first nine months of this year our counsellors have been extremely busy. They have conducted 6,114 counselling sessions, which is an increase of more than 6.5% on the same period last year.

We are offering FREE counselling to those suffering from the effects of the September 4 earthquake and the continuing aftershocks. I have to say some of the shakes we have experienced lately seem to me to be earthquakes rather than aftershocks. However, the 'experts' say that for the next year or so the tremors in Canterbury are probably linked to the original big 'quake and are therefore correctly called aftershocks. Whatever, they are most unpleasant and I'm sure you will agree we have had enough. Those seeking counselling for the effects of the earthquakes should phone 343 3391 to arrange to see a qualified counsellor.

It is a delight to welcome two new members to our amazing team of Office Volunteers; one from Our Lady of Victories Parish and one from St Marks Parish. The new volunteers have been placed with an experienced volunteer and have commenced their training. It is wonderful to welcome them to Petersgate. If you think you might be interested in volunteering give me a call on 347 4700 or Susan on 343 2932 and we can arrange to have a preliminary discussion.

A special thank you to the Friends of Petersgate who have responded to our annual appeal for financial support. We really appreciate the generosity shown and the commitment to support our work. Already over \$4,000 has been donated from this loyal group of Friends.

Denis Warren

Manager