

# IN ENGLAND ...

## ASSOCIATES' RETREAT (SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> – 24<sup>TH</sup> 2017)



Twenty Associates from various Branches gathered for a Retreat in the Emmaus Retreat Centre in West Wickham on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. The theme would explore pathways to God, emphasising especially our life pilgrimage to Christ as the centre of our lives. Father James Hurley, Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Southwark, introduced the questions, *Who do you say I am? Who do you say you are? Who is number ONE in my life?*

Our journey was aided and nourished by prayer, Sacrament and Scripture. Father James helped us to reflect on the question to Jesus, *"Lord to whom shall we go?"* and the evening reflection led by Sr Gretta, focussing on the idea of walking round a labyrinth to Christ at the centre, was an invitation to welcome our "graced life history" and to give thanks to God who had led us all this far on the blessed path of growth in relationship with Christ.

With B. Farrell, we could sing : *"O Lord you search me and you know me" !*

## THIRTY YEARS OF ASSOCIATION MYSTERIUM CHRISTI (SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017)

The **SITTINGBOURNE BRANCH** of Association Mysterium Christi organised a celebration of their 30th anniversary by gathering for a parish Mass.

*"At this Mass we are thanking God for the Associates of the Sisters of Christ – Association Mysterium Christi – dating back to 1987. We will renew our commitment in front of members of our parish of the Sacred Heart, Sittingbourne."*

*... Associates aim "to bring everything together under Christ" (Eph. 1:10), by making Christ the real centre of their lives,*

*to create unity in themselves and by the practice of forgiveness and reconciliation, "to foster the unity for which Christ prayed."*

