



## Catholic Women's League CIO

### CHURCH STRETTON

Catholic Women's League CIO is a group of Catholic women of all ages working together and undertaking charitable works of all kinds. We serve our parishes whenever the need arises, socialising together and praying together. We are a positive voice for the church and a group where love and friendship can be found.

The League was founded in 1906 for the education of women and has evolved over the years continuing to focus on charity work in the local community but also looking at national and international issues.

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WORK W WITH  
LOYALTY L LOVE

*Registered Charity Number: 1173138*

Two very strong women...

Founder:  
**Margaret Fletcher**

Founded the League in 1906



Patron:  
**St Margaret Clitherow**

Martyred  
1586



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## What our Section does...

- We raise funds for Charity holding cake sales, raffles and other events

We hold an annual Christmas raffle which is generously supported by fellow Parishioners. Funds raised go to our annually selected charities. Our members give generously, as they did to our 'Spend a penny' collection for Water Aid and to 'Mary's Meals' as our Christmas gift to each other. We aim to keep our fundraising 'manageable' for our small group.

- We serve the church when called upon e.g. helping with refreshments

Our members are involved in all aspects of Parish life – in the choir, as cleaners, flower arrangers, membership of committees, as Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist. Many of our members play a part in the wider local and Catholic communities too.

- Every March we support the Women's World Day of Prayer
- We pray together, attend retreats and pilgrimages
- We provide courses for catechists via Our Lady's Catechists, a Special Committee of CWL
- We help humanitarian projects with grants from HQ and CWL Relief & Refugee Funds
- We support National Projects



For women and children. Against domestic violence.

2014–2017



2017–2020



## Here are some of the charities and causes we have supported recently:

**CARITAS** (Diocese of Shrewsbury)  
(family support, counselling, parenting programmes, social work (including with refugee families)).

**CAFOD**

**Mary's Meals**

**Aid to the Church in Need**

**Shrewsbury Street Pastors**

**Water Aid**

**Shrewsbury Ark**

**Cancer Research UK**

**Severn Hospice**

**ECHO** (adults with disabilities)

**SVP**



We are a small, friendly group of ladies who meet informally for an hour or so after morning Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. We enjoy coffee, discussion, visits and sometimes have a speaker. Prayer is an integral part of our meetings and at times we hold a short service on a theme. We are proud of our fellowship with other CWL Sections in Shropshire and with the Mothers Union group in Bishops Castle. Visitors are most welcome to join us at our meetings.

## CONTACT ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER:

Details of our meetings are in  
the weekly newsletter on  
our Parish website  
[www.stmilburgas.org](http://www.stmilburgas.org)

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