



Sunday 24th June, 2007 saw the Bishop of Willesden come to Holy Cross for the Confirmation of 13 candidates. It is a slightly lower number than in the past but there were healthy signs. The adult group consisted of 8 young women, all mothers of children at Edward Betham School, and all enjoying an exploration of the Christian faith and tradition together. I must say that preparing these candidates for Confirmation was one of the most pleasant duties I performed this year! So far!!

The young people's group was made up of 3 girls and 2 boys, again much smaller than in previous years. However, the group was marked by a complete absence of awkward or difficult behaviour. This was clearly a group of children who were preparing for Confirmation because they wanted to do, not because of parental or peer pressure. The experience of preparing this group was positive and re-assuring for me, despite the fact that one of the young people actually fell asleep during one of the sessions, much to the amusement of the rest of us. No names, no pack drill!

So, members of the congregation who are not yet baptised or confirmed, we will be planning another series of preparations in 2008, so please think about it and enrol when you next hear the notices in Church about Confirmation, 2008.

The Candidates

Young people

Courtney Clarridge
Nicholas House
Rosie McCorkindale
Rebecca Mitchell
Henry Wildridge

Adults

Lorna Addo-Quaye
Anita Alli
Samantha Armstrong
Rachael Bernadine
Tracey Cameron
Erica Hudson
Toni Kronenberg
Zena Ross



The Rt. Revd. Pete Broadbent
The Bishop of Willesden