



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK UPDATE

QUARTER 2 – JULY – SEPT 2014

A busy but fruitful time with funding successes detailed below with just over £26,000 secured so far for various pieces of work -

St Martins – continuing fundraising for roof repairs. £5000 received from Theodore of Tarsus and awaiting decision on an application to Viridor for the outstanding amount needed. Attended PCC in Sept and discussed other necessary repairs such as the wiring which is a concern

St Richards – supporting Pat to organising the agreed Team Christmas Day Lunch for people who will be alone on Christmas Day. 11 people attended food safety training. Results due anytime. I will produce some best practice guidelines that we may wish to consider adopting as a Team. Manchester Airport are going to support the lunch/hampers through donations – more detail will be in place by the time the working group meets at the end of October. Successful Application (£700) made to Community First in Sharston for equipment, contribution to food, gifts and transport. Due to meet with Graham (Treasurer) to discuss possible funding of improvement works mid October

St Lukes – application made to Diocese for just under £6000 to support some necessary repairs to brickwork in Church was successful. Met with WCHG to explore options for partnership working to make improvements to the Church Hall and the tenanted properties. There is a small subgroup looking at this and discussions are continuing.

William Temple – Received £15000 towards 50fest which builds upon the 50th anniversary next year and the heating refurbishment. The Lottery are coming to visit to discuss our expression of interest in a Heritage bid for 50fest. If we are given permission to proceed this will be a large piece of work to submit Jan/Feb

Had an initial consultation meeting with Baptism families who had expressed a wish to have a toddler group. Will explore this further as there is actually a lot of activity going on locally so we need to identify what would be different at Temple Tots

TEAM WIDE ACTIVITIES

BEES IN THE CITY

William Temple is named as a site for an extension of the Manchester Cathedral Bee project. A Clean City bid has been submitted by the Diocese and we await a decision. For the first year this project will receive full support from the Cathedral and require very little input from me. But this is very much a Team-wide activity

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

All churches took part. We did very little planning and preparation as we agreed to join this quite late in the day. Some lessons learnt and for next year we will have a more detailed marketing plan to build up interest prior to the Open Weekend, particularly for those Churches who don't have many people passing by – WT was very successful with over 30 people joining in

FOOD POVERTY GRANTS

Working up a bid to apply to the City Council for some funding. This will cement St Lukes as the Emergency Food Hub for The Team with other Churches being encouraged to donate provisions, volunteer to staff the sessions and also to refer food requests to the Hub. The Hub operates from St Lukes Church Hall on Tues and Fri – 4.30-5.30pm and on Saturday mornings. The bid will focus on funding to buy provisions and to begin to build up our wrap around care so that we can understand why people are in need of food provision and build relationships with them so that we can help them to access any other support they need eg debt advice, benefits, family support etc

INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY – 8TH MARCH 2015

Hoping to support a bid from across the Team to host a Womens Day event next March

LOCAL NETWORKS

The Wythenshawe Anglican Team continues to be well represented at strategic networks either by myself or other Team colleagues and We continue to support the work of the ecumenical Jonah Group and will be part of an Away Day in November

Have had discussions with Manchester University via The Diocese about the impact of bedroom tax on families in our areas and this will continue.

LOOKING FORWARD Still to be developed is the work with young people and Credit Unions – we are acknowledged as a key partner in this with the Regen Team. Talks are ongoing with the Credit Union to pursue this early in the New Year. This work would then give us some clear themes which will be progressed through the Community Development Strategy Group –

Buildings and fabric – our churches and Halls

Meeting Immediate Need – emergency food provision

General enquiries and Hall bookings I have begun getting more and more general enquiries for room bookings etc so if you have a dedicated person who co-ordinates your bookings could you send me their information so that I can pass it on

Please let me know if you have events and activities going on that you would like circulating across Wythenshawe via my email networks and on twitter/facebook etc

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