



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK UPDATE

QUARTER 3 – OCT-DEC 2014

This quarter has been a real mixed bag, with disappointment at being declined funding for our emergency food provision, our Bees project and our proposed project for International Womens Day.

TEAM CHURCHES

I have visited St Lukes, St Martins and William Temple PCCs this quarter.

William Temple - we are working on a significant project connected to the 50th Anniversary year which will bring people into the building and provide more opportunity for the building to be used. This is line with WT mission planning and Belonging before Believing. I will facilitate a planning activity in January with a view to submitting a bid by Easter

St Martins - fundraising for the roof and other works is difficult due to the amount of money needed. With the Church Hall is such close proximity it is difficult to build a strong case that the Church building is integral to the local community. We need to look at how we can strengthen this position appropriately. We aren't scoring highly on value for money or community involvement when putting bids together. We did get some publicity when the building was daubed with graffiti late November. Working with Robin, WCHG and local councillors we were able to get the graffiti removed which would have cost around £1000

St Lukes - 75th anniversary year is coming to an end. There are a couple of elements of the Time Flies St Lukes at 75 project to be completed. These are the community reporter training scheduled for January and 2 open days scheduled for April. I am still working with BITC to get the large hall refurbished and the painting in Church is complete. There is a further piece of work to be done in January looking at deposits and charges for accidental damage during hire periods. I will be contacting the other churches to see how this is managed. The emergency food provision continues to take up a lot of resource. We have teamed up with Tree of Life to run a Christmas campaign for donations of food

from local shops and businesses. Regardless of the funding situation we still want to expand this to offer hot drinks and better support to people who are collecting food parcels. We are relying on good will donations mostly but have been successful in a partnership bid to Community First which will give us £1000 to spend on food. We will need to collect data and agree to share this with Tree of Life but appropriate data protection rules will be followed. In the new year we will roll out the opportunity for all Team Churches and our Methodist partners to get more involved through volunteering. At Christmas time we provided hampers and ingredients for a Chicken dinner for all families accessing the food provision. We also received in excess of 400 advent calendars which we gave to families in need and our partner organisations across Wythenshawe.

St Richards – has had little support from me as a PCC and I will work more closely with them next year. St Richards has been the focal point for the Christmas Day lunch that we are providing for up to 40 people. I have been supporting Pat where I can to organise things.

Other projects

Hate Crime Awareness Week – we have applied for a grant to run an event as part of Hate Crime Awareness Week in January. We will be running an event focused on religious hate crime and will be partnering with Menorah Synagogue. We will be watching a film then having a discussion panel.

WW1 Memorial – we are part of a steering group looking at the relocation of the Memorial which is currently within the grounds of the Legion Social Club on Woodhouse Lane which closed in September. The preferred site at the moment is near St Lukes as this is where the main Remembrance Service takes place. A long term piece of work that may take up to 18 months.

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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