



IS IT NOT TO SHARE YOUR FOOD WITH THE HUNGRY AND TO PROVIDE THE POOR WANDERER WITH SHELTER -- WHEN YOU SEE THE NAKED, TO CLOTHE THEM, AND NOT TO TURN AWAY FROM YOUR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD?
ISAIAH 57:8



YOUR INSPIRE YOUR CHURCH



AUGUST 2019

'HOLIDAY CLUB'

This is the last flyer in the COG awareness campaign which we really hope has highlighted the great outreach work that is happening across the UK. For five months in 2019, we have sent all UK ecclesias an interesting story to hopefully encourage and inspire your church to do the same.

At the end of the campaign we hope to make these into a booklet.

School holidays can be a difficult time for parents, especially those on a low budget, as they try to occupy their lively children!

Church holiday clubs can really help with this and can create really good links with families in a short space of time.

If you don't have the manpower for a week you can just do 2 or 3 days, or even a series of Saturday 'Family Days' or 'Messy Church'.

THE CAMBRIDGE STORY

At Cambridge we ran a free holiday club for one week, Monday- Friday, in the school Summer holidays between 10am & 12pm each day.

We chose a theme and planned four tables of craft activities each day which were part of a timetable. This included story- time, games and refreshments with themes included 'Daring Daniel', 'Creationkidz', 'Gospel Detectives' and more.

We also ran a colouring competition and invited the parents and carers to the last day for a presentation and even a puppet show/video some years.

How much work is involved?

We ran this for four years but we initially did some research in which the Worcester Ecclesia was very helpful with advice and resources. The main preparation was done by two people and started a few months before.

This involved several meetings to plan a theme, create a time table, plan activities and materials needed and set up a rota for the week.

We also designed a poster, flyers and a banner for advertising as well as themed T-shirts. One of us dealt with bookings and information letters to parents.

We gave out balloons and flyers outside several local schools in the weeks prior to drum up bookings, as we had no prior relationship with the local community.

During the week we needed about six volunteers, depending on numbers booked on. This involved setting up the space, registering children, helping the kids with activities and finally cleaning up. It was something everyone & anyone could help with.

What was the response?

We would average around 25 bookings every year. Following on from the success of the holiday club, we set up a youth group which had five local children attending regularly for about a year, and the parents often came to a few church events.

KNITTERS WE NEED YOU!



THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN KNITTING FOR THIS PROJECT- MANY OF YOUR HATS AND SCARVES ARE NOW BEING USED BY THE GRATEFUL HOMELESS. MANY ARE BEING USED ON THE 'I'M NOT LOST' CAMPAIGN WHERE THEY ARE TIED TO A POST OR RAILING READY TO BE FOUND.

BUT LET'S NOT STOP HERE! KEEP KNIT KNIT KNITTING!

We have several collection points spread across the UK including a central factory base in the Midlands. These groups* will either distribute the donated items themselves locally or send to COG for distribution on to the streets in the winter months:

LONDON - BARNET
S. EAST - GUILDFORD & HORLEY
S. CENTRAL - OXFORD
EAST - CAMBRIDGE
N. EAST - WARDLEY
N. WEST - SHEFFIELD
S. WEST - EXETER

W. MIDLANDS - HEREFORD
MIDLANDS - WESTLEIGH, ASHBY & SOLIHULL
SCOTLAND - GLASGOW SOUTH
WALES - FLAT 2, NEWTON COURT
Central collection - Access Irrigation Ltd,
15-17 Yelvertoft Road, Crick, Northants, NN6 7XS
Open office hours.



Please get in touch if you need our suggested patterns posting or else you can access them via our site and blogspot. Why not let your neighbours know about it and set up a local 'Knit & Natter' group at your hall? This is a great way to build relationships with your local community and help the homeless together.

OUTREACH IDEAS FOR AUGUST

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**KNIT & NATTER GROUP
HOT MEAL FOR THE HOMELESS**
IN YOUR MARKET SQUARE?

**SET UP A TIME BANK
HELPING HANDS**
OFFER PRACTICAL HELP TO YOUR IMMEDIATE NEIGHBOURS

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