

Mission Focus Group

Update Summer 2023

The Community Larder was the focus at the latest planning meeting. Project manager, Abbie, spoke to representatives from the five team churches about the practicalities, food sourcing and steady growth of this FareShare initiative located in the Parish Centre; that it is meeting a huge need in our community in these challenging times. The larder has offered direct engagement with numbers of hard-to-reach people, many of whom now access other opportunities for support. Given extra funding and additional accommodation, Abbie would like to offer IT facilities for people to access the Internet. She asked the Mission Focus Group to pray:

- for everyone who uses the Community Larder,
- that FareShare will offer long term provision of food,
- to source more food and grow the project,
- for her team of helpers.

The annual **Leprosy Mission coffee morning** was held in the Bodmin Methodist Church in Fore Street on Friday 16th June and was well supported by those who helped to run fund-raising stalls and those who called in for a cup of coffee and a chat. **£312.06 was donated to The Leprosy Mission**, and 'Priscilla' was the name of our cheeky panda who now has a happy new home! A big 'thank you' to everyone who helped in every way to make this a relaxed and fun occasion.

Activity Boxes have been offered to Bodmin Children's Services to support their work with families and vulnerable children during the summer holidays. Each year around 25 shoe boxes are decorated and filled with toys, books, craft materials and various other activities to occupy and stimulate the children and young people they work with. This year there was a specific request for items suitable for teenagers, including toiletries, journals, calm colouring, fidget toys and games such as Uno. The quality and quantity of items donated by church members, family and friends was outstanding: a huge 'thank you' for your generosity and thoughtfulness. We are also grateful to Asda and B&M stores for their practical support for this and other community initiatives.

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) global wave of prayer took place between Ascension Day and Pentecost 18th to 28th May. This annual event was initiated in 2016 by Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu and has grown into an ecumenical opportunity to worship and pray together for the church and the wider world. More specifically we are each called to pray for five people to come to know God's love and peace. A selection of TKC prayer and reflection resources were available in the churches.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th August

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