



## FOOD CO-OP

Dear Supporters, We had 41 families/couples and 30 single people visiting the Food Co-op today (103 adults and 83 children). The numbers are less than previous weeks due to several factors, including the school holidays, the very poor weather and several of our members preparing to celebrate Eid tomorrow. However, the people who attended had a fine selection of fruit and vegetables, choices of tinned and dried food and toiletries. The café area was busy. The soup was especially appreciated on such a wet, cold day.

Donations were gratefully received from several individual supporters, local churches, a community café and a small organization with surplus cereal. We also received over 20 small gift bags with sweets and treats for children from Washington Riding Stables. We had several children attending with their parents today, so these bags were very much appreciated.

Today we saw a couple of volunteers who we've not seen for a while due to their attendance at College. They came and volunteered in their holiday and caught up with friends. We also welcomed a Community Bridge Builder based at the Comfrey Project and a Migration Support Officer from the Council. Both were very willing to talk to members, listen to their issues and direct them to alternative services, or suggest a way forward with any issues they may have. They were both a welcome addition to the session. With thanks for your regular commitment, Kath

Donations can be brought to Corpus Christi Church Monday 9.30am—12.00pm and Tuesday before 10.30am or St Peter's at the back of church or in the container provided. Items needed: **Fresh fruit and vegetables, long life milk, biscuits, pasta sauce, rice.**

### **Joe's Place - April 10th \*\*\* volunteers for our kitchen are always welcome\*\*\***

At Joe's Place this week the menu was; scrambled eggs, chicken casserole with mashed potatoes, toasties with a variety of fillings, apple crumble, cake & custard.

We served 36 scrambled eggs on toast, 63 chicken casserole dinners, 101 toasties & 59 desserts.

We used 4.5kgs of chicken, 12 boxes of mashed potatoes, 6 packs of frozen casserole vegetables, 3 boxes of gravy mix, 14 loaves of bread, 1.5kgs of frozen apples, 6 packs of crumble mix, 17 tins of custard, 5 cakes, 72 eggs, 4 tins of ham, 4 tins of corned beef, 3 tins of tuna, 50 cheese slices plus salad, butter & milk.

We are always grateful for donations of tins of ham, corned beef, tuna, peas, carrots, tinned potatoes, cakes, tins/packets of instant custard. Please leave donations in the church porch or in the box provided.

#### **URGENT APPEAL**

for tins of mince and stewing steak as stocks are very low.

**Job Vacancies** The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following job vacancies: **Administrator**, St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle – full-time. Closing date: 16 April **Field Engineer (two posts)** Diocesan Offices, Newcastle – full-time, 9-month fixed term contract. Closing date: 21 April. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us on 0191 243 3301

**JUST BUILDING BRIDGES** The 'Just Building Bridges' exhibition of photographs taken by refugees which was recently premiered in St Peter's parish hall is now on display in Hexham Abbey. It will also feature in the Late Shows in Newcastle on the 18th May, at St. Mary's cathedral during Refugee Week in June, and at Ushaw College later in the year. All are welcome to view it!

#### **OUTREACH MEETING**

The next meeting of the Outreach Group is on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30pm** in St Peter's Hall. All are welcome as we continue our outreach to those in need. Tea and coffee from 7.15pm.

#### **HOLY ISLAND SVP VINNIES CAMP**

There are places still available for boys and girls in school years 5-7 (inclusive) at Holy Island Children's camp. A week's traditional holiday with meals and transport costs just £150! If you would like your child to have a week's holiday on Holy Island this Summer please visit our site <https://svp.org.uk/microsite/holy-island> If you know of any child who would benefit from this opportunity but may need assistance in paying, please email [holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk](mailto:holyislandapplications@svp.org.uk)

#### **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR APPEAL**

St Joseph's Home (Little Sisters of the Poor) urgently need to replace some of the kitchenettes and furnishings. Specialist flooring on the main corridors of the care units requires essential upgrades to ensure the safety, comfort, and well-being of the residents and to maintain required standards of infection control. The flooring not only enhances the homeliness and comfort of St Joseph's Home but also plays a crucial role in maintaining the safety of the residents by providing a hygienic and comfortable surface, thus reducing the risk of trips and falls.

A collection for St Joseph's Home will be taken on Good Shepherd Sunday (20/21 April). If you wish to make a private contribute, you can do so by sending cheques made payable to 'Little Sisters of the Poor' to St Joseph's Home, Westmorland Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7QA. Alternatively, secure online donations can be made by visiting our website at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.co.uk/donate-here/).

## **SUNDAY READINGS**

**First Reading** - A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19

**Responsorial Psalm** - Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

**Second Reading** - A reading from the first letter of St John 2:1-5

**Gospel** - Luke 24:35-48