

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

Winchester Night Shelter

Steve Prosser organises the rota for making main courses, vegetarian options and desserts for the Night Shelter. She also delivers the meals to the Shelter. The Church provides a home cooked meal for 18 people each month cooked by several members of the Church. Some members donate money instead. We also collect unwanted bedding and warm clothing for the shelter.

Annual Church tea party

Every February the Church and Society group welcome Church members and their friends, visitors and leaders of the uniformed organisations who meet at the church for a tea party. The food is prepared by the group and includes savoury food and a delicious array of home baked cakes which are served with an unlimited supply of cups of tea. We are admirably assisted by up to 6 Brownies who work really hard for their Hostess Badge.

We have a raffle and always raise over £100 for the Salvation Army.

We have entertainment which has ranged over the years from poetry reading, games and quizzes, Eastleigh Fusion choir, Salvation Army singers and a ukulele band.

Basics Bank

There is a box in the foyer all year round for people to donate food and toiletries for the Winchester Basics bank.

Every year ,at Harvest, this collection is added to by the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Church congregation with their very generous gifts at Harvest time.

Salvation Army

Every Christmas at the Parade Service we have a collection for toys for the Salvation Army to distribute to the children in the local area who would not otherwise receive presents.

Church services

We lead one or more services a year on the theme of homelessness and poverty.

Christian Aid

One of our biggest undertakings of the year is Christian Aid. This involves attending meetings as the URC reps for the Chandler's Ford Christian Aid group who keep us in touch with national campaigns and with local fund raising. We organise materials and collectors and count and bank the money raised. Other activities organised by the Chandler's Ford and supported by our group are the Annual quiz in November and the Big Brekkie in May. In the past there has been an inter Church football competition.