

## Daventry Area Baby Project March Newsletter 2024 Lent Challenges



**Matthew 25 v 40**

**Whatever you do for the least of these you do it for me.**  
(Celebrating being part of Voluntary Groups Far and Wide)

Dear Daventry Area Baby Project Community,

Welcome to this second newsletter under our new name. Lent offers a wonderful opportunity to give up some of the habits we have become accustomed to, stand back and see if we can find new ways of inspiring each other to improve the difference we make to the lives of babies near and far as our new logo suggests.

Through our original contacts with Milk&You Gilly was invited to attend a Daventry Voluntary and Community Sector Forum meeting in February. It was inspiring to witness the ways in which volunteers could so authentically make a difference to lives in our local area. I also had the opportunity, aided by challenging questions from Revd. Dawn and some of those present, to celebrate more widely some of your wonderful work for babies far and wide!

This newsletter will take the form of 3 Lent challenges to support our friends at Milk &You.



However, let's start with a dose of inspiration of our own making sent directly to us in February it reads,

Good morning Daventry Area Baby Project,  
I just wanted to give you a little update on the donations we received from you. So far, I've managed to help 3 families in need. I can honestly

say all 3 families were beyond grateful. It is a pleasure to see families smile through hardship. **Please thank those that have kindly donated to us.**

Kind Regards  
Continuity of Care Team Leader  
Midwife at Northampton General Hospital

### 1<sup>st</sup> lent challenge from the Dad's Section of Milk and You



Good Afternoon everyone,

Milk You/DADS AREA is on the lookout for knitters who can knit us some colourful breasts.

We would really appreciate if you, or someone you know who does knit would be able to make the type found in the knitting pattern attached with this DABP Newsletter

Around 30 are needed for the next 12 months. Any colours are welcome - even rainbow!

Knitted Breasts can be sent/delivered to **Milk&You Project, Oak House, Daventry NN11 8PQ**. If they cannot be sent, deliver them as you usually do to the Daventry Methodist Church. Volunteers can claim

back through their expenses for any yarn used



These knitted breasts are used by Milk&You to teach how best to suckle a baby. Thank you Oliver (mental first aider at Milk & You) for sending us your challenge

Happy Knitting! Above are two breasts we made earlier in true Blue Peter fashion.

**2<sup>nd</sup> challenge for DABP supporters Items for newborn 0-6 months are now needed.** We carried out our monthly stocktaking In February and we have checked the needs of Midwives at Northampton, Big Issue and Milk& You. As a result we were able to put aside items to fill 4 baths with presents for families. Thank you too for making hats and gloves and scarves recently.

**As a result here is our second challenge, Can you during Lent, make one or more of these items for babies age 0 - 6 months? We now need jackets, mittens, and booties. At the moment we do not need hats or small blankets.**

**N.B** For this age group for health and safety reasons we cannot accept

second hand clothing.

However if you are **not able to make items** there is a good selection of reasonably priced items in B&M Daventry NN11 4GL that you may like to donate.

All items can then be delivered to

The Daventry Methodist Church NN11 4FH telephone number 01327 702343

**OR**

To Gilly at 27,Claydon Road Daventry NN11 8AZ text 07807011205 to arrange delivery.

Abbey the Milk&You Antenatal Peer Support Coordinator and Mental Health First Aider requested a bath of goodies for an especially needy family. She collected the bath for a boy pictured below



**3<sup>rd</sup> A FAR AND WIDE challenge** received from Milk&You volunteer Abbey who is traveling to Vietnam in April. She supports a non-profit organisation called Blue Eyes that supports children from 2 to 8 years old. On their Facebook page is a post that echoes our DABP values it reads, "Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see". They deserve all the best things in the world. Our group was set up to support the poor children in the North of Vietnam by helping them find better living/studying conditions, encouraging children to go to school, ...so that they can pursue their dreams. It begins with our actions for the community today! Feel free to join with us!!" This challenge involves searching for good quality second-hand clothes and blankets for these children and labelling them **DABP -far and wide -Blue Eyes**. Please could you deliver them to us in the usual way by **March 29<sup>th</sup>** giving Abbey time to collect them before leaving for Vietnam? We have promised to donate £100 as an Easter Gift to



match whatever we collect.



In next month's Newsletters we shall introduce you to another voluntary group who attended the Daventry Voluntary and Community Sector Forum.

Finally a Lent blessing on all the time you will be giving up for babies who need our compassion this Lent.

### **BEING A LENT BLESSING**

*Always be  
a blessing to  
others...*

During Lent 2024 may all DABP supporters enjoy these Lent Challenges and pass on blessings of compassion to babies and their families far and wide.  
The DABP Team



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