

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH WELTON BABY PROJECT NEWSLETTER JUNE 2023



Dear Friends,

We are half way through our 10th Anniversary Year. This letter is full of the compassionate actions and decisions that have been taken over this past month. As the summer begins in earnest, enjoy our good news. We share it today with gratitude.

TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The baby protect team has grown. Three new members have decided to join Jan Wall our bursar and St. Martin's PCC representative, Sarah Parry our community representative who helps with the collection and delivery of items and Sue Jennens from Braunston who coordinates our Benefice prayer chain.

May I introduce and welcome Hazel Gault who represents the Crick Rural Benefice of Lilbourne and Yelvertoft. Hazel collects and delivers items on a monthly basis and is a retired teacher who lives with her husband on a canal boat.

Fran Deeley is well known by Welton folk and a granny who now lives nearer to one of her daughters. Fran enjoys having fun with her grandson; so she has just volunteered to have more fun listening to readers in her local primary school. She has a nursing background that includes health visiting, education and management of good practice of nurses working in different contexts.

We also welcome Jan Krehel who has a background in hospital administration. Since we began 10 years ago she has made a number of beautiful quilts for the project. She is our international representative and lives in Alaska. I think we should ask her to provide some beautiful winter photos for our next Christmas Challenge?

Gilly, (coordinator of the project) is a retired head teacher who has never really left the classroom! I love learning. I have a social science and lay ministry background having been a voluntary prison visitor for the probation service and a special educational needs coordinator in schools.

NEWS MUMS

This past month we have been encouraged by the spontaneous involvement of two young Mums. These close friends both have new babies and had received many beautiful gifts. They contacted us saying that they had so much that they wanted to share some brand new items that they did not need for babies in need. They also visited a baby show and collected free samples that are ideal for our baby baths. Thank you both. Here a sample of the many gifts they shared forward to us.



PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MILK AND YOU, THE BIG ISSUE TEAM AND THE METHODIST CHURCH Together we have purchased formula milk and nappies for Ramona's twins for a month and established good communication with both Dad and Waitrose.



THOUGHTFULNESS OF INDIVIDUALS Together this month a baby bath, Guess how much I love you board books, nappy and formula milk and furniture guards for Milk& You to promote safety within the home have been purchased upon a request. Using your donations we will have already spent nearly £300 this financial year. So we can continue to support this vital work that matches the very real needs in this part of Northamptonshire. We have received many lovely items for boys now too. Thank you for listening to our requests as well.

AND FINALLY

Congratulations to Sue Jennens, a member of the team as she and her family welcome baby granddaughter Freya.



SUMMER BREAK

There will be a July newsletter but we have decided to take a break during August when there will be **no newsletter, collections or team letter** in readiness for a good summer rest and will **resume in September**. The team plan is to come back in September refreshed and renewed with the intention to respond again in preparation in the autumn for a new Christmas challenge 2023. This is our main fundraiser. **AT THIS TIME OF YEAR** we review and update our database which is always growing. If you know of anyone interested in receiving a copy of our monthly newsletters they can contact Gilly see below. To subscribe or not to subscribe that is the question at this time of year?

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