

Ways to get involved:



Prayer

To pray for the agencies and clients that they would be blessed and encouraged but also challenged by the love of Jesus.

To pray that we will know how the ministry can be developed to best serve the community.

Generous Giving

The Bible tells us 'God loves a cheerful giver'.

Can we invite you all to continue your generous giving. The summer months always see the cupboards empty, your food donation is so important. Storehouse need:

tinned meat, vegetables, desserts, UHT milk

as well as all the other things you always give.

Baby Baskets need:

Baby bibs, cutlery sets, dummies, gifts for mum.



Spread the Word

To speak to those you know who may have contact with people or agencies who could benefit from the ministries offered by compassion - to spread the word.



To Join a Team

There are many ways in which you can serve on a Compassion Team, why not talk to one of the Co-ordinators.



For information, resources, events and much, much more from Vineyard Churches UK and Ireland, visit the website www.vineyardchurches.org.uk.



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Storehouse Co-ordinator
and Mum and Baby
Baskets contact



David Theobald
Helping Hands Co-ordinator
CAP Job Club Manager

If this has inspired you...

To get involved and find out more about our Compassion Ministries please contact us.
We'd love to chat with you.



"If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58

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Compassion Newsletter



We believe that care for the poor is part of what we are called to do as Christians. This is what fuels our compassion ministries.

Thank you all for your valuable contribution, whether in time, food or money.

What's been happening?

Garden Party

A great summertime Garden Party was held for parents and children at Acorn House. A huge thanks to all those who donated cakes and sandwiches and time on the day. We hope to hold another Garden Party this summer.

National Citizen Service

A group of young people aged 16-18 years took part in the National Citizen Service and chose to support Storehouse again this year. They held a cake sale, busked in the town centre and camped out overnight to raise money.



After raising over £600, they shopped and filled the storehouse cupboards and donated the remaining money for future food.

Sharing the Vision

We regularly attend meetings with agencies, schools and other organisations to talk about our compassion ministries and how best we can serve them. This year we have met with:

Befriending Scheme for people with learning disabilities

SNAP who provide short term assistance to those who have a housing related need

Julian Support to help people gain or maintain their independence in the community

Thurston Mothers' Union

Riverwalk School 6th form students

Harvest

We are so thankful for the generous donations of food we receive from the many churches, schools and organisations during harvest.

Christmas



A huge thank you for the Christmas presents you donated. Through your generosity we once again were able to give gifts to children known to Social Services, the Family Centre and those in Acorn House.

Thank you to St Peter's Church who donated socks and gloves and to St Mary's Church who donated toiletries for Christmas.

Pupils from Guildhall Feoffment Primary and Gt Barton Primary donated shoeboxes full of gifts for children of all ages which blessed many families through Storehouse. Phoebe Allsopp and Beth Brown attended Gt Barton Freedom Church to thank them for their generosity.



Once again, Waitrose donated £200 worth of Christmas goodies, which enabled us to put festive treats in the food bags .

Women's Refuge

Our continuing relationship with the Women's Refuge led to an invite to talk about Life Skills and Budgeting; a great opportunity.

Easter

268 Easter Eggs were donated to children known to Social Services, Women's Refuge and Acorn House. Easter Eggs were also included in Storehouse food bags.



Thank you for your generosity in donating the Easter Eggs.

Helping Hands

165 hours of volunteer time was given from members of the church and those who attend Job Club.

A young mother and two year old child were helped by the laying of carpet in their flat.

"Thank you so much for your help. Can't put into enough words how I appreciate it."

From April 2016 to 2017, Helping Hands has provided practical help to 25 individuals. They have helped:

22 with moving furniture and rubbish

2 with gardening

1 with painting and decorating.

When moving people into a new flat or home, an offer to pray a blessing over their new start is usually warmly accepted.

CAP

We have successfully run 3 Job Clubs and 1 Money Management Course in the past year. The courses help members with CV writing, interview technique and budgeting leading to growing confidence and successfully gaining employment.



Did you know?

We gave out **1988** food bags from April 2016 to April 2017, **an increase of 579.**

We have regular contact with **27** Agencies in the town including: CAB, Probation, Mental Health.

We gave out **10** Baby Baskets from April 2016 to April 2017

We gave **20** financial gifts from April 2016 to April 2017, as well as ASDA Gift Vouchers and vouchers for the Salvation Army charity shop.

There are currently **22** people directly serving on Compassion Ministry teams.

Food from Greggs and Aldi is regularly donated to Storehouse and we are able to include these in food bags.