

The Committee of Susan, Jo, Miriam and Chris met at Ginger and Pickles Tea Room on the 10th August for a meeting to discuss how we go on in the future as it is doubtful that much will change for a while.

We think that it is unlikely that we will be able to hold socially distanced meetings for the rest of the year at No. 28 although they are considering their next step at the moment. We are looking around to see if there is anywhere else we can go and whether people are happy to do that. As mentioned the Committee met at the Ginger & Pickles tea room at Lowes Farm Shop which worked very well. This was also the case for the handbell ringers and was very well received. The tea room are very happy to welcome us there. We could perhaps have a social get together there. Please let us know what you think.

### **Future meetings**

#### **Tuesday, 1st September**

We should have been preparing Link to Hope Shoe Boxes at this meeting but that won't happen now. If you have a leaflet about this and want to complete a box please feel free to do so. If you don't have a leaflet and want one let Susan know so she can let you have one. Ring Susan if you want her to pick up your completed box.

If you would prefer, Margaret English is doing the Samaritan Purse boxes this year. Leaflets and a poster will be in church by the beginning of September. Only difference is that toothpaste and sweets are no longer allowed, If you would like to fill a shoebox for a disadvantaged and traumatised child, pick up a leaflet, fill a shoebox (do's and don'ts are in the leaflet) cover the box with Christmas paper and bring to church by 1<sup>st</sup> November. Boxes are for either boys or girls and there are three age-bands. Some empty boxes (wrapped and unwrapped) will be at the back of church to take and fill. If you do this though please remember to leave the box for at least 24 hours before using, just in case!

*Samaritan's Purse* (who run the scheme) feel that its even more important this year, but if you don't feel happy with shopping or handling goods, *Samaritan's Purse* will fill a box for you on payment of £20.00. Full details are on their website <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

#### **Tuesday, 8th October**

Wendy Sykes, Diocesan President

I have spoken to Wendy and agreed that we will postpone her talk until next year's programme.

**Tuesday 3rd November**

Bring and Buy for the Food Bank -

We think the best thing is to collect items for the Food Bank and to give it to them when we have a reasonable amount. The items required at the moment are cordial, milk, fruit juice, coffee, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned potatoes, cereals. You can either pick up a bag for the Food Bank at Morrisons and pay for it at the check out or collect some at home and let Jo or Susan know and they will pick it up from your doorstep and deliver it.

**December** - We could think about a lunch like we had in January this year. Better if it is local this time, for example the Kinderton?

**Fundraising**

Susan would be quite happy to produce another Mothers' Union cookery book like she did in 2006. Maybe a lockdown recipe book since a lot of people have been baking during this period! This would be to raise much needed funds for the Branch and you are encouraged to take part. Please let Susan have your recipes. She is happy to come and collect recipes or to receive them by email.

**Knitting**

Chris is still collecting knitting and that not only squares are wanted but gloves, and mittens for all ages, scarves, shawls as well as cot blankets 30 " x 40" in Baby wool.

So please keep safe and we hope to see you all soon,.

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