

# THE ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH DAVENTRY BABY PROJECT NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017



**Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.**

## THE DAY THE LOCAL MIDWIFE ARRIVED

One of our local midwives came to collect a special delivery in October but it was not a baby! It was one of our baths full to the brim with goodies for a local Mum and her newborn. The midwives want us to have 3 baths ready each month one for a girl, one for a boy and one in neutral colours. Here is the November batch of baths made up ready for collection from our depot on the Middlemore estate!



So welcome to our "Can you make God smile campaign?" Are you ready to help provide a special Christmas for babies yet to be born over the December season and into the new year? Can you make items for both newborns and their Mums? We also need donations of bibs, disposable nappies for newborns, muslin squares, nappy sacks, wet wipes, breast pads, and any other baby and Mum toiletries.

Our collection points are at St. Martin's Church Welton (there is a box just inside the door) and our church is open most days as is the Methodist Church

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which is our collection point in Daventry. Items need to be ready for collection by December 9<sup>th</sup>



### FRUITS OF THE HARVEST- A LOCAL VILLAGE CHURCH HAS DONATED THEIR HARVEST COLLECTION TO US

A huge thank you to all members of the church family at Catesby (Daventry Team) who donated their Harvest Festival Collection of £129 to the project. We can add it to our Babies in need fund (BIN). This fund purchases items up to £50 for especially needy families. We have just received the first request to use the BIN fund.

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED THIS MONTH FOR :-

The Churches Together in Daventry Christmas Interactive season at the Methodist Church in early December. Please pray for all the volunteers who give up their time to help tell the Christmas story, the children who travel the Christmas story with their volunteer guides, the key character actors they meet and the staff and adults who accompany them.

Local school children are invited to bring items for the Baby Jesus born into poverty himself. Year 4 pupils from schools in the town do this for us year on year and boost to each Christmas campaign.



*Here on the right is our vicar at St. Martin's Revd. Canon Sarah Brown with other Churches Together in Daventry friends. Sarah has always encouraged our project. We wish her well*

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as she leaves us to become residential Canon Missioner at Peterborough Cathedral in January.



## AND FINAL NEWS ITEM - NOW OFFICIALLY PART OF THE TEAM IS OUR GOFER MR KEITH BEARDMORE

May we introduce Keith now an official member our team. He is a Grandfather, indeed great grandfather (aka "Pops"). Keith has been working quietly in the background since we started in 2013? He helps us sort items, prepare them for postage and is our official driver often taking us to contact points in Northampton and other parts of the Peterborough Diocese. Thank You Keith from the team and .....

**Thank you to each and every one of our supporters everywhere!**

**The Baby Project Leadership Team  
Gilly, Jan, Jane, Sarah and Keith**

**CONFIDENTIAL CONTACT** Gilly Beardmore (lay minister at St.Martin's) mobile no 07807011205 . Contact Gilly if you know of any Mums deserving a baby bath starter pack or items worth up to £50 in value or both.



**Last Collection date for the items for the Christmas Campaign is DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> 2017**



If you would like to donate to the project; contact Jan Wall (the baby project treasurer) mobile no. 07713 294403 **Please make cheques payable to Welton PCC**

**NB We cannot accept donations of second hand items for Health and Safety reasons.**

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