



Mark 16:15



In July the project team met together to make plans for the forthcoming year after reviewing your amazing support so far in 2017. Over the summer all of those plans have been realised and more. This newsletter is a huge thank you letter. Please enjoy our "Good News" and share it to show God's love in action and perhaps involve others alongside us.

OUR PLANS Our first priority was to create a special "**Babies in Need**" fund in order to supply larger items to families identified by professionals as especially needing extra support. We will purchase items for them. We then decided to reach out to a number of charities for babies and children agreeing to donate £100 to each one. These charities were: -

Bliss a national charity for sick children is the UK working to provide the best possible care and support for all premature and sick babies and their families
<https://www.bliss.org.uk>

Lumos a charity which works to help the millions of children in institutions worldwide to regain their right to a family. <https://wearelumos.org> founded by Harry Potter author J.K Rowling.

Knit for Peace UK, an initiative of the [Charities Advisory Trust](#), grew out of projects it developed in Rwanda and India. It began by bringing together women of traditionally hostile communities to knit clothes for street children and orphans. The Baby Project now sends items to be distributed both in the UK and worldwide.

Our next target was to immediately distribute items (over and above what we need for our baths) to other groups in the Northamptonshire. They were **Baby Basics Northampton and the Northampton Maternity Unit.**

We then made plans for our Christmas Project 2017 A brief introduction is at the end of this Newsletter. Watch this space in our October Newsletter.

Finally, we wanted to express our support of the Churches Together in Daventry Holidays at Home Project in August. It provided an opportunity to meet those of our supporters who attended and the H@H team. The rest of this newsletter celebrates more Good News because "gratitude is our attitude" for the forthcoming months.



The Baby Project Team would like to thank Revd. Canon Michael Webber, Revd Dawn Stokes (curate) and all the folk at **Holy Cross** who encouraged us to make an application to the **Daventry Consolidated Charity**. The application compiled by our team was successful and has enabled us set up the planned **Baby in Need fund**. We are sending a copy of this newsletter to the charity; it carries on from our official thank you note. **PLAN 1 was accomplished** because of support from Holy Cross.



We had good news too of a baby shower which was held for a local Mum by her church community. It was a second child and she decided to donate the gifts directly to the St. Martin's Church Welton baby project. Thank you to all involved at the **Vineyard Community Church**. You have also created this Good News for us to share. **This was a thoughtful and supportive surprise!**



We delivered a large number of the items you had made to **Baby Basics Northampton and the Maternity unit at the Northampton General Hospital** The next day we received this from the maternity unit. "Thank you so much for all the beautiful knitting you have generously donated to us they will be used for our poorly babies needing to be kept warm on our special baby and postnatal wards or for use in our bereavement unit for babies loved and lost. We have passed some to midwives dealing with babies born into challenging circumstances. Hand knitted items are so appreciated as they carry the message of the personal touch."

The Project also received this thank you note from the **Maternity Unit at Derriford Hospital Plymouth**. It included these words " We absolutely love all of the blankets, and the matching sets and hats. What fabulous little outfits they are very popular.

We are indebted to you for so generously using your time and skills to produce the items. Our thanks to the Project." **PLAN 2 was accomplished**



This is a small sample of the items

For those who deliver to the collection box in St. Martin's Church Welton your wonderful donations were separately sent to "Knit for Peace" with this special delivery note.

"We believe as Christians that we have all been given lives by our creator to love our neighbours as ourselves wherever they may be. Please receive these gifts for some very special babies, perhaps yet to be born, in that true spirit of love"

Their reply was

"We have received your wonderful knitted donations. We look forward to delivering the knitted items, as they will undoubtedly make a big difference to those in need. Thank you for your support, we truly appreciate it.

Your donations have a great impact on the communities where they are sent, not only do they provide much needed warmth, but the recipients are always so touched by the time and effort that you put into making these items.

Warm wishes from the whole team."

....and finally from Knit for peace for their donation

We are delighted to say that we have received your very generous donation of £100, thank you so much. Thank you for your support, we truly appreciate it and we couldn't do our work without the generosity of people like you.

Warm wishes from the whole team, Lucy"

PLAN 3 was accomplished



To "A **WELTON GRANDMA AND HER FRIENDS**" who knit and crochet for us. Here are photos of their work (below) They are beautifully made and will be treasured. **Thank you all!**



For the "Holidays at Home CTID team "at Daventry Methodist Church thank you for the privilege of working with your team and the opportunity it gave us to meet three of our supporters who knit and sew for the project.

As a result, those ladies have already donated a Christmas Quilt. It has been given to the Daventry midwives for the first Baby born on Christmas Day 2017 and a set of knitted puppets ready for children and their families to use at our monthly informal and relaxed Sunday teatime service and so our work grows and reaches out.

PLAN 4 was accomplished

COMING SOON IN OUR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Here are our prayer requests for September 2017

Phoebe aged 6 and her family. Phoebe has had a diagnosis of cancer.

Babies that receive support from the charities that we support.

Midwives including those we support in Daventry, Plymouth and Northampton

A family awaiting a bath and receiving support from Christians against Poverty in Rugby.

FIND OUR CHURCH WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.stmartinswelton.org.uk> or on our Facebook page



This month we are short of toiletries for both babies and Mums as well as disposable nappies mitts and booties. **We do not need hats at the moment.**

**COLLECTION
POINT**

Our Collections points are located at the Daventry Methodist Church where there is a shopping trolley on the right inside the main entrance and at St. Martin's Church Welton where there is a box just inside the main door on the left.

DONATE



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

With thanks to each and every one of our supporters

From

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