

Report of TLC Club 2023 for APCM 26th May 2024

TLC meets on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month in the WCC 2.30 to 4.30pm and we are now entering our 3rd year from a steady beginning with numbers attending increasing month by month which is very pleasing plus we are welcoming people from our wider community who enjoy the fellowship which we at St Michael's are really happy to offer. I now have a small team of friends who help organise our meetings month by month, baking and donating cakes and serving tea and coffee and generally looking after newcomers as they join us with a table quiz as they arrive with small prizes, plus a lucky ticket with the £3 entrance which includes the refreshments. They also suggest contacts for speakers which we introduced after Beryl Jones said we should!

This has enhanced our afternoons with visitors from all walks of life: Margaret Trickett's son-in-law, a retired Met Police Officer brought one of his dogs trained to seek out explosives and was so popular he is to return for Part 2 of the training involved! Other guests represent various charities of which we know little and so have been able to offer Christian support as we know how: an organisation based in Felsted taking resources out to Ukraine on a regular basis and one gentleman, with an engineering background, spoke to us of adapting items to offer handicapped children and adults easier ways of getting about which was amazing and also emotional. We have also been pleased to hear from Tim Weeks on his Chaplaincy role at PAH, Derek Hinge spoke of his former life with the Water Agency and looking ahead our own Derwyn Williams is to visit in July to celebrate his 30 years in the Ministry.

Our now annual Mystery trip in the Summer is very popular and it is the one time of the year when I have to keep quiet leading up to it! We are all children then on a day out and it is wonderful seeing happy faces and all trying to guess our destination.

Do look at our TLC board in the Welcome Area in Church for more information. Should anyone reading this think they could have something to tell us please do get in touch as we are always looking for ideas for speakers each month.

We are most fortunate to have the facility of the WCC for our meetings and each year we have been able to donate a substantial sum for the general maintenance which is much needed with costs escalating all the time.

More recently we have sponsored a half pallet of food (£250) for the Felsted Aid for Deprived Children which helps victims of Chernobyl and the Russian Invasion

TLC is part of our Mission and Outreach and we thank God for his presence each time we meet.

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