

# TLC CLUB 2025

As we come to the end of our 3<sup>rd</sup> year I am thankful that we continue to offer fellowship to the local community on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month from 2.30 to 4pm. Our numbers have increased from around 10/12 when we began 3 years ago to a regular 30+ people who enjoy fellowship with each other along with fun and laughter. I have to ring my bell on many occasions as the noise is quite loud!

The afternoons bring great joy to my team, Tricia, Eileen, Liz, Blanche and Sue who provide the delicious cakes each month and to Jeanne who now looks after the Bring and Buy table with her professional expertise plus her husband Derrick who produces tickets and posters for the extra events throughout the year. Thanks also to Katharine Stanley who provides small leaflets and posters each month encouraging newcomers to join us when they can. Our table quiz provides discussion to see which table can win the special gifts at the end of the afternoon and I have been pleased to sell charity greetings cards plus Christmas cards for The Mothers Union, The Leprosy Mission and Embrace.

Our entrance fee of £3 stays the same and we have been able to place £400 in Church funds for maintenance of the WCC and also to send £450 to Breast Cancer Now following our charity afternoon in August.

We welcomed visitors from our Church congregation who spoke to us on various subjects which is always a joy. Dave Perry from the Night Shelter came along in the summer with a former guest who was able to give us an insight as to the success he enjoyed there and following that talk a local Masonic Lodge donated £500 to the Shelter and one of my helpers is now on a rota offering home cooked food for the guests there. (From little acorns?). We welcomed Year 4 pupils from St Michael's School for our last meeting in December which completed the year on a high.

Following our talk last year by June from Felsted Aid for Ukraine and the victims of Chernobyl donations are still coming to me for onward transportation to the store in Harlow and one friend regularly brings many items which are much appreciated and I have been pleased to pass on medical aids eg. wheelchairs, crutches and walking sticks and, indeed, the charity are able to accept most household items and clothes for all. Items can be brought to 17 Stane Close CM23 2HU 758389/07449326840

We give thanks and blessings for this opportunity to be God's messengers as a way of outreach to Bishops Stortford and beyond.