

VILLAGE FOOD BANK

Our Village Food Bank is open on Friday mornings from 11 – 12.30 in the Session House. We provide groceries and other essentials to those in need in our community.

Over a cup of tea or coffee, friendships are made, stories told, problems shared and support given in a safe, welcoming environment.

The number of people accessing this service has not changed much since we began, still helping up to eight households per week. However our guests have changed as their circumstances have altered.

As in 2016, we celebrated Christmas with carols, special treats and the giving of gifts. Each volunteer donated warm gloves, hats or scarves for our guests and of course we were delighted to pass on gifts donated by the congregation too.

The generosity and kindness of the congregation is shown each week in the regular donations of food, toiletries and cash, but at Christmas and Easter the donations of gifts and Easter eggs is wonderful and greatly appreciated.

Sincere thanks are also due for the very thoughtful donation of gifts for Mothering Sunday. These gifts were particularly appreciated by some of our young men who were delighted to be able to give their mum a gift on their special day.

During the year we had a much-appreciated visit from our Interim Moderator, Rev. Grace Saunders.

Our second anniversary in April 2017 was marked in the usual manner – friendship and cake! Our friends from Cornerstone House of Bread, Norma and Joe Cowan, joined us on the day. We were also delighted to welcome our locum minister, Rev. Marion Perry, who led us in a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing, which was greatly appreciated by guests and volunteers alike.

None of the above would be possible without the help we receive from Cornerstone, the cheerful dedication of the volunteers and the ever constant compassionate support of the congregation. As volunteers we remain committed to providing this service for as long as there is a need.

As it says in Hebrews Chapter 13, verse 16: *“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*

Anyone wishing to find out more please contact Sandra Graham (tel. 732280)