

Opening Church as a warm space

Hi everyone,

As you may know, we are hoping, subject to funding, staffing, and PCC approval, to collaborate with The Methodist Church, the council and others, to create warm spaces in the community due to the financial crisis.

Please could you let me know if you could volunteer for any slots between now and after the school Easter Holidays. You do not have to commit to eg every Monday afternoon and I have a rota in front of me of one hour slots from 12:30pm - 7:30pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. (Late opening for the benefit of school children who might need somewhere warm and quiet to do homework.)

Please email me with any slots you are willing to do or write it down and give it to me on a piece of paper. I am aiming for 3 staff at each one (in case anyone has to drop out in an emergency). One of them will need to have done the safeguarding training and have a DBS.

No one needs to do anything during their slot - it's just to make sure everything is OK and to respond if there is an emergency. You can just enjoy the warm space!

However, if you want to bring your own gifts / creativity etc with you, that would be lovely - tea / coffee making / bring cake/biscuits / organise a game/craft/activity.

The plan is to have the community area as a community space and the main church as a space to sit quietly to do work / homework. (Except when Monday Group are in, when the warm space will be restricted to the main church.)

If we don't have enough people, we cant open, but we do want to offer regular slots so it's not confusing, hence asking in advance for you to let me know what you can commit to. You can also turn up as an extra pair of hands on the day!

Please share this with anyone you think might be able to help (it's already gone to several church members, the PCC and the clergy.)

Thank you,

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