

Warm Welcome Report - May 2024



Warm Welcome started as a response to the cost-of-living crisis in October 2022.

The sessions are currently on Tuesdays, 12noon – 1.30pm and soup, rolls, tea and coffee and biscuits are provided. For the first 6 months we didn't charge anything and were funded by a grant from Lichfield Diocese.

Now we ask for donations and usually cover our costs. We also received a large donation, and we are still deciding how best to utilise it.

There are 20 volunteers on the team, and we usually have 8 – 10 helpers each week. This means that some people are in the kitchen and others are serving and sitting chatting with our guests.

We have discovered that for a lot of people who come, meeting others for a chat is a very important part of why they come to Warm Welcome. When appropriate we talk about the things that happen in church.

Most members of Debbie Fenley's Art group are regular attenders. We also have a group of about 20 other regulars.

We usually have 25 – 35 people attending on most weeks.

Each Christmas we have done a short time of singing carols and some short testimonies about what Christmas and the difference that following Jesus makes in our lives. 3 people have done Alpha as a result of coming to Warm Welcome.

We are very grateful to the team who work hard to make this ministry happen. Every week the team begins and ends the session with prayer.

Colin Flenley and Janet Lee
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