

MISSION MATTERS 1

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Many of our house groups at KPC have committed to support a mission partner – by praying, keeping in touch and maybe by responding to a specific issue or need too.

I want to share the experiences of 2 groups and I hope I can convey the infectious excitement communicated to me when I was listening to the stories shared.....



Maryann Richard recently made an easy journey by train to visit Birmingham City Mission Care Centre with 2 of her home group. BCM has worked with the city's homeless community since it began in 1966 and The Care Centre is a drop-in offering food, friendship and support to some of our city's most vulnerable and marginalised people.

The group shared time and conversations, drinks and lunch, with a Bible talk and discussion, activities like puzzles, books, mindfulness.



Maryann says 'I loved engaging with the people who came - they were glad to chat and to be 'noticed' – especially the women. I just listened, and was able to offer prayer and encouragement. Now I'm continuing to pray for the people I met.'



Having first-hand experience of the Care Centre that they are supporting has been so positive, and the group feel inspired to pray.



The other 2 members want to explore how they can help at Birmingham City Mission's Food, Clothing & Home Furnishings Hub.

Maryann says 'I am thinking about how I can give some regular time to the Centre – there are endless possibilities, all so exciting!'



Knowle
Parish Church



Jan Wilson & Lynda Thompson's homegroup, along with the Baggot's and Brownies groups, have been involved in supporting the work at St Andrew's Church in Chelmsley Wood for a number of years now –throwing themselves into practical support like providing groceries, contributions for the Christmas Fayre, raising money to keep the Youth Group running, helping run the cake and coffee sale, Mummas' matters course, welcoming the ladies to evening events here in Knowle

– and all of this surrounded by faithful prayer in the Homegroups.

Jan says 'We love to pray into specific events that we can also support in practical ways, and see the fruit that follows... Their church camping holiday in Stratford is a great example –a week at a retreat centre combining family fun with spiritual teaching and worship, full of the Holy Spirit, breaking down barriers, building love in the congregation – what a joy to be involved in enabling God's work in this way, raising



money with a cake sale... people's generosity was just incredible.'



The Church is growing, with new faces all the time – Rev Andi Thomas is reaching out and connecting with families, who express their appreciation of the love and acceptance they find at St Andrew's.

Of course it's a 'good thing' to support God's work – but these stories bear witness to the encouragement and excitement that is being stirred up in homegroups as they show God's love in action and become part of God's bigger picture...

Susi Carter – member of the Global Mission Committee

