

SYRESHAM CHAPEL

The Chapel has kept services going using Zoom during lockdown. We met again in August in the building taking all necessary precautions and had a wonderful Harvest Thanksgiving service when all the donated tins and dried foodstuff were taken to The Hope Centre in Northampton. Sadly owing to some of our congregation contacting covid our Christmas services were by Zoom except for our Carols and cakes Christmas Eve which was held outside with nearly 50 people joining us. The Chapel looked amazing with its tree and lights over this period. We continue to meet every Sunday in the Chapel but each service is also on Zoom for those who feel safer in their own homes.

The Chapel has been open every day for anyone who wishes to go in and the prayer box has had various requests for prayer.

We do appreciate all the people who regularly take services for us, the cleaner, the flower arrangers, our organist and all the work that gets done without asking.

The Chapel took part in the Village Scarecrow Festival last year when over a hundred children received a Christian book and plans are already in hand for this year. Do take time to see the story being unfolded this year by walking round the Chapel

Each year we fill shoe boxes to take part in the appeal from Samaritans Purse. This past year we were amazed how many boxes were filled. We volunteered the Chapel as a collection centre and will do the same this year. Our boxes were taken to a remote village in Ecuador and we have a wonderful video of the children receiving their gifts which will be shown at coffee shop later this year to encourage others to take part.

Breakfast Church is up and running again and it's good to see new families joining us and we do extend a warm welcome to anyone who wishes to join us.

We've had some successful coffee mornings and at the last one decided to send the money together with our Sunday offering to help the crisis in Ukraine via Samaritans Purse who had already got a field hospital up and functioning

We continue to support our twinned Church in India and after difficulty getting donations to them did beget photographs of the blankets etc they were able to distribute.

We are grateful to Michael Dempsey for keeping the cemetery and ground around our building looking so good.

We took part in The Mothering Sunday service at the Parish Church and joined the Walk of Witness Good Friday taking the cross from Church to Chapel and are looking forward to the service commemorating the Queens Jubilee. We enjoy working together and welcomed the Rector taking a service in Chapel.

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