

Kettle & Fish News – June 2014

With Judith and Malcolm holidaying during May, it fell to me to write June's Team News. I was also asked to put together a brief history of K&F for the CTS Forum, so I have included some of that detail here.

We started K&F in September 2005, with six small tables seating around 36 people. You will see we can now seat around 78! Because Churches Conservation Trust are responsible for the upkeep of St Peter's, they asked us to keep check of how many people visit us on Thursdays. It was a great surprise to us and them to find that on more than one Thursday 340 people visited us! So we are the "second most used redundant church".

Talking numbers, we now have about 60 volunteers involved; making cakes, serving, listening, chatting, setting up and clearing away. These faithful folk bless us over and over again with their loving efforts. Although our prices are very reasonable, we do make a small profit which helps support other ventures in Churches Together in Sudbury.

In 2013 we received a Community Service Award from Babergh District Council who recognised how much we benefit Sudbury!

Many folk comment on the warm and friendly atmosphere and appreciate the live music and many strong friendships have been formed. The prayer side continues to be much used as we take the written prayers to our Prayer Breakfast every Saturday morning. Occasionally we are asked to pray then and there for someone needing God's touch on their lives. As do we all - and K&F allows just that for all of us.

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Our Prayers for June:

Lord, Thank You for Kettle & Fish, please bless:

The 100s who have come through our doors and found friendship; those who glance in but are afraid to enter 'church'; our food and finances; our music and our praying. May all bring Glory to You our God.

Every visitor. Some who come in just for the atmosphere and good food. Those who travel a distance especially to join us. The lonely who find company here; all the young Mums and their delightful children.

Our volunteers especially those growing older but refusing to give up! Thank you for help from new and younger folk. Please keep our numbers up so this great resource does not have to be cut back or fade out completely.

Our Partners displaying on side tables: Fairtrade, Tilead Wares, books from Broom Street, Girl Guides, Police, Ambulance, Age UK, St Nicholas Hospice, Christian Aid, and Sue's Knitting Korner.

Our Praying written out or requested. All who come with a heavy heart or sadness too great to talk about. Those with ill health who dread the future. Lord of Life touch each one of them right where they most need it, particularly with peace in their hearts and a certainty that You know!

Each written word – on banners, on the tables, 'prayer prompts', **everything Lord which speaks of You and Your great love for us.** May our eyes be open to Your Truth in these words and may our hearts welcome You into every part of each day. **Lord bless Everyone of us** – as only You can. Amen

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