



**Christmas Hampers** Over the last few years I have organised some Christmas hampers for about 20 families at a city centre school who could not afford to buy any Christmas extras. Staff at the school have asked whether I could do this again so I am asking if anyone could provide Christmas goodies such as: selection boxes, tins of sweets, nice chocolatey biscuits etc. Items can be left in the food bank box or outside the office. Any items given will be needed by 9th December. Thank you for your continued support. Cath Patterson



**Christmas Connection** Although the table has been removed from the foyer we are still able to accept presents on Sunday 9th December. Ruth Allen has kindly agreed to receive those presents on behalf of Derby City Mission. Thanks. Linda Miller (DCM Rep.)



**Beaver Leaders** It is with sadness that we announce the “retirement” of Tish as Beaver Leader. Tish will leave Beavers when they break for Easter 2019. The colony is looking for at least 2 new leaders. Please speak to any of the current team if you could give some of your time to the Beaver section or contact me directly. Thanks, Ellen Goodman Group Scout Leader; 07923 458 250.



**Wool donations** Over the last few years Audrey Lowndes has been busy knitting jumpers, cardigans, hats, scarfs and gloves in a variety of sizes. These knitted items have then been donated to the Syrian refugee appeal in Derby. Audrey is looking for any double knitting or 4 ply wool donations (however large or small) to enable her to continue providing refugees with winter provisions. If this is something you can help with then please contact Audrey.



**Minister Visits/Appointments** From January 2019 Rev Gary Watt will have Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons (Approx 2 - 4pm) reserved for visiting or appointments with him. If you would like to meet with him please contact the church office (365045) [office@lmclife.org.uk](mailto:office@lmclife.org.uk) to arrange this. If you would like to arrange something out of these hours please also contact the office and he will be in touch.



### Tips for reducing waste this Christmas

In the home, food waste is worth £700 per year to the average UK family Here are some tips to reduce your waste.

1. Use left overs to make a hearty soup. See recipes on line. [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)
2. Plan meals so you don't over buy and over spend.
3. Give any left over store cupboard items to food banks.



**Nativity Service** Sunday 23rd December. It is tradition for the young members of our congregation to wear costume and take part in our nativity story. This year we are doing things slightly differently. This year we require EVERYONE to come to church dressed as a Mary, Joseph, angel, shepherd or a nativity animal. Funny, simple, over the top...you choose.



**Volunteers and Donations** As in previous years, we are planning on providing refreshments after the two carol services on Sunday 23rd December. We are looking for some volunteers to help serve the refreshments and we are also asking for donations of mince pies to be used. If you are able to be a volunteer then please contact the office on [office@lmclife.org.uk](mailto:office@lmclife.org.uk). All donations of mince pies can be left in the kitchen between Sunday 16th December - Friday 21st December.



**Christmas notices** Please note that there will be one notice sheet that will cover Sunday 23rd December and Sunday 30th December. Any notices for these two weeks will need to be sent into [notices@lmclife.org.uk](mailto:notices@lmclife.org.uk) before 12noon on Thursday 20th December. Weekly notices will resume from Thursday 3rd January.



**Whole Church Weekend** Saturday 19th January and Sunday 20th January 2019. Everyone is invited to our church weekend ‘at home’ when we will be exploring what it is to ‘Live like Jesus’, with teaching on revivals of the past and practical workshops on hearing from God what His plans are for us here at LMC. There will be a full programme of activities for children. More information to follow.



**We need you!!** In the new year we are looking for more volunteers to help out in different areas across the life of the church. The Cafe, Play ark, and Sound Desk teams are all looking for new members. Please be thinking and praying about these teams.

If you have a notice you would like to display here then please email [notices@lmclife.org.uk](mailto:notices@lmclife.org.uk) before Thursday midday for it to be displayed for the following Sunday service