

All of the food was free to guests thanks to the support of Carlton Foodbank, which donated beans, tomatoes, and porridge; Tesco, which gave bread, eggs and bacon and Gedling Borough Council which supported financially. Last year the team of 15 volunteers who kept the whole thing running served up 800 breakfasts and gave out 480 lunch bags. Some of those who attend are struggling to afford enough to eat, but not all; some simply enjoy being part of a community and the company of other people.

Other churches are involved with Super Kitchen and other initiatives such as Foodcycle and MakeLunch, an example of which is running in New Ollerton.

Making Donations

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Bishop's Lent Appeal 2017

Bishop's Community Hospitality Projects Fund



This year's appeal will support social eating projects - sharing a meal is a great way to strengthen communities in a world that seems ever more divided.

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The Bishop's Lent and Confirmation Appeal for 2017 will see the establishment of The Community Hospitality Projects Fund, which will provide small grants to churches developing mission opportunities based on 'social eating'. At a time of increasing pressure on services due to cutbacks, this is an opportunity for churches to bring people together, expressing our faith in practical care and neighbourliness.



The spirit of social eating is nurturing relationships as well as the act of eating. This is a powerful way to respond locally to the divisions and fears that continue to be accentuated in our wider society and world.

There are many ways in which churches around the diocese are already engaging in social eating initiatives. The Fund will provide support in helping to expand the number of these projects. These could include a community café or 'Super Kitchen'. It might be through deepening relationships at a lunch club for older people, or by providing healthy packed lunches for children in the school holidays. The Fund can also help pay for items such as a new fridge or freezer, crockery, food ingredients or running cookery courses.

"As we seek to grow as followers of Jesus Christ and to share our faith, social eating projects give us fantastic opportunities to put our discipleship into action," said Bishop Paul. "Church community hospitality projects can connect with those who are lonely or socially isolated, as well as building community cohesion with people who simply value getting to know others in their neighbourhood. They may also provide a vital point of support to those families with children for whom relative poverty is an everyday challenge."

People often encountered Jesus over a meal as He cared for their needs. The Bishop's Community Hospitality Projects Fund enables us to follow this example of Christian service and in doing so point people to Jesus.

Feeding the hungry, building communities

Across the diocese there are churches involved in social eating projects, some linking with national initiatives, others working as one-off local projects.

St Saviour's in The Meadows, Nottingham, has linked up with Super Kitchen – one has been running in the church since November 2015, providing people with nutritious meals at just £2 for an adult, £1 for a child. Some of those who attend are homeless, some cannot afford to eat, and others are isolated and lonely and enjoy the atmosphere and the company. The Revd Hannah Hall said the kitchen was a joint project between the church and Eden Softplay, the children's soft play centre which is based in the church and run as a community enterprise project.



"We get a delivery on Tuesdays from a company called Fareshare, which collects surplus food from supermarkets and distributes it to churches and other organisations. It's a bit like Ready Steady Cook, you never know quite what you will get, but with a little imagination you can make a healthy meal. It is not just about feeding people who are hungry, we are bringing people together, and combatting loneliness."

At St Paul's, Carlton, the church recognised there was a problem with children going hungry during school holidays because they were not getting free school meals and school breakfast clubs were shut. They set up a holiday breakfast club in August and opened for three days a week: Monday, Tuesday and Friday. On the first two days, breakfasts of toast, beans, and cereals were provided, while Friday was cooked breakfast day. A children's lunch bag was provided every day.



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