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Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Lunches are approaching their fourth birthday – we started out in Lent 2016. It is very affirming that this project has been blessed with great support from ‘customers’ and ‘workers’. Most Thursdays we see getting towards thirty people – sometimes more. Our regular ‘customers’ come from members of both churches in the Benefice and several from our surrounding community – we are open for all and welcome all!

Importantly, we would emphasise that there is no charge for lunch. If you are able to make a donation to help cover costs that is gratefully received. The main aim is social, not fund-raising. As the scriptures tells us, “practise hospitality.” So do come and enjoy a light lunch with friends and, perhaps, make new friends. If are already a regular, think about inviting along someone who has not been before.

Amazingly, over the last year, through the generosity of our patrons, we have not only covered costs but made a profit which has enabled us to make donations to Tearfund (£242), Wood Street Mission (£60), Motor Neurone Association (£122), and to Christ Church Walmersley (£830).

So a big thank you to all those who come and support this project. Also a special thank you to all our regular helpers – Claire, Margery, Alan, David, Margaret, Bob and Denise – and to our occasional helpers. We couldn’t do it without you!

If you have not yet come to lunch with us then do come give us a try. You will find not only a hearty midday snack but a hearty welcome from staff and customers alike – we are a very friendly bunch!! Lunch is served from 12 noon till 1.00pm at Christ Church Hall (back room).

The next lunch is on Thursday February 20th.

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