

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### 10.30 am THE SUNDAY SERVICE

*Holy Communion - first Sunday of each month*

*(Please refer to the Diary on page 8 details of all Services as arrangements may vary).*

## REGULAR WEEKDAY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Monday	5.00 - 6.00pm	Rainbows (5-7 years)
	6.00 - 7.15pm	Brownies (7-10 years)
	7.00 - 8.30pm	Guides (10-15 years)
Tuesday	2.00pm	Friendship Circle
	7.30pm	Rangers
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee Morning
	12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch alternating with Mid-Week Worship
Thursday	2.00pm	Film Club (monthly)
Friday	6.15 - 7.45pm	Cub Scouts (8-10½ years)
	6.15 - 7.15pm	Beaver Scouts (6-8 years)
	7.30 - 9.00pm	Scouts & Explorer Scouts
Saturday	9.00 - 11.00am	The Big Breakfast (monthly on 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Saturday)
	10.00am	Christians Together in Leamington Rambles (monthly)

### EASY GIVING

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This 60 second video shows you how easyfundraising works:

<http://efraising.org/cv1Wj5Bman>

Radford Road Church web site: [www.radfordroadchurch.org.uk](http://www.radfordroadchurch.org.uk)

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## THE MINISTER'S LETTER

To the family of God that meets at Radford Road Church,

With Easter falling quite late this year it seems as if we have had quite some time between marking the feast of Epiphany and the start of Lent, cue: clergy casting around for a sermon series to fit the gap, or a focus for this ordinary season.

As a House Group we have had a similar problem, it's not really time to start a Lent theme, but Bible Study didn't really know what to explore until it was suggested we should look at Christ in the Old Testament.

Sometimes people treat the Old Testament like a slightly dodgy prequel that paints God in a darker light than the New Testament dawn. You might hear some say its OK because my faith is all about Jesus. Well, I guess I would have to surprise them by saying, 'that's cool with me because so is the Old Testament'. Jesus is at the centre of the Old Testament too.

Jesus says as much to the disciples he chose to walk with along the Emmaus Road: 'And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself' (Luke 24:27). That's not to say that we find Jesus in every verse or even in every chapter of the Bible, but we are not left without a witness in the Old Testament either. After all, 'Christ', which means 'Messiah', is an Old Testament word.

Finding Christ in the Old Testament though can be a little like reading the picture book 'Where's Wally?' If you just look at the book and start studying a page you are likely to find it quite difficult to pick him out. But if you study Wally first, if you know what you are looking for, then you will find it easier to spot him there.

Just try reading Psalm 22 without thinking of the crucifixion.

In theological college one of my professors put it like this:

'The New in the Old contained,  
the Old in the New explained'.

That is not always a fair way to look at the relationship between the Bible Jesus read and the Bible we have today; but it is not a bad starting point for trying to understand them. It might be a challenge for us as we go into the period that we call Lent in the Church's year to understand how Jesus relates to the Old Testament better; and so, to understand more about and hopefully through that, to know Jesus more deeply.

In His service,  
James



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## ROTAS

	Welcomer	Coffee	Flowers to Give	Arranger
Mar 3	Sue	Sally & Margaret	Valerie	Tony
Mar 10	Joan	Julia & Jean	Bella	Kath
Mar 17	Jherell	John & Ruth	George & Margaret	
Mar 24	Ann	Janice & Veronica	Margaret B	Margaret
Mar 31	Rosemary	Brenda & Alan	Rosemary	Rosemary
Ap 7	Veronica	Bridget & Jherell	Jane & Frank	Hazel
Ap 14	Julia	Jean & Sally	Jean	Margaret

Would the first person on the Coffee Rota please bring 2 pints of milk and the second bring biscuits. Thank you!

We thank all those who have promised flowers for the church and also thank the arrangers for using their time and talents in this way.

And finally.....

You think English is easy? Check out the following:

1. The bandage was wound around his wound.
2. The farm was cultivated to produce produce.
3. The dump was so full that the workers had to refuse more refuse.
4. We must polish the Polish furniture shown at the store.
5. He could lead if he could get the lead out.
6. The soldier decided to desert his tasty dessert in the desert.
7. Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present to his girlfriend.
8. A bass was painted on the head of the bass drum.

*Sent by Andrew Cligg*

**Marjorie would welcome your contributions and suggestions for the April Magazine by Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> at the latest, and preferably earlier, please. Email: [carrier\\_mj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carrier_mj@yahoo.co.uk)**

## FAMILY NEWS



**Please remember in your prayers**

**those who have suffered bereavement.**

Comfort the families and friends who grieve.

**those who are ill.**

We ask that they will soon be restored to full health.

**those who have worries and anxieties.**

Give them peace and comfort in the knowledge that you are close to them.

Special prayers are asked for those who are unwell and particularly **Joan & Doug, Clarice, Jenny & Frank S, Ralph, John F, Gill, Mavis P, Jane & Frank G** and other housebound friends.

**Marjorie and John** are delighted to welcome Luke Eben, their first great grandson, born on February 4<sup>th</sup> to their granddaughter, Stephanie and her husband, Călin.

Love and congratulations to **Naomi Lydia Hubbard** and **Jonathan Stephen Puliston** who will be married at Radford Road Church on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Naomi is the granddaughter of Gill.

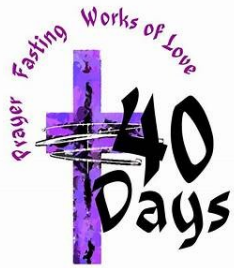
It is with sadness that we record the death of **Jessie**. She was a stalwart member of both Spencer Street church and of Radford Road and came regularly to services and activities until ill health prevented her from attending. The Thanksgiving Service for Jessie's life will be held at Radford Road on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm following a short committal service at Oakley Wood. Jessie's family has asked that donations in Jessie's memory should be given to Radford Road Church and to Galanos House, the home which cared for Jessie in her later years.

**Sally's** mother has recently moved from Shropshire to Clarendon Manor, Whitnash. We hope that she will settle happily there and enjoy being nearer her family.

**Janice Dean** will be moving on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 98, Heddington Grove, London N7 9SZ. Her email remains: [deanjanice7@aol.com](mailto:deanjanice7@aol.com); mobile: 07972 783535. We give thanks for the invaluable service Janice has given over the years to Radford Road Church. Following her departure we will have a vacancy for an Elder and we will need a new Minutes Secretary for Congregational Meeting. You are asked to give this prayerful consideration and to offer your services if possible.

Janice sends the following message:

*Any Radford Road friends visiting central London will be welcome to call. I would like to thank everyone for their fellowship at Radford Road Church over nearly 18 years and look forward to hearing your news and to your visits. Inevitably much has changed in life since 2001 when I first came to Leamington, but the welcome and love in action at Radford Road remain constant and long may that be so.*



## OUR COVER PICTURE

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is often marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

Whereas Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross, Lent recalls the events leading up

to and including Jesus' crucifixion by Rome. This is believed to have taken place in Roman occupied Jerusalem.

The Christian churches that observe Lent in the 21<sup>st</sup> century use it as a time for prayer and penance. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favourite foods or smoking. Whatever the sacrifice it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline. However, giving up something isn't the only way to observe the season of Lent. There are other alternatives:

### 1. Apologize to someone

Lent is a great time to seek forgiveness from those we have harmed.

### 2. Perform random acts of kindness

Share the love of Jesus in any way you can think of each day during Lent.

### 3. Delve into a book of the Bible

Enhance your devotions by getting to know a book of the Bible well.

### 4. Serve people in need

Identify an organisation with which you would like to volunteer.

### 5. Visit the lonely

Jesus said, "when you have done it for them, you have done it for me."

### 6. Read the Sermon on the Mount

which gives you a sense of what it means to be a Christian

### 7. Tell others you love them

Some of us struggle to say those three little words.

### 8. Throw a party for everyone

Give people an opportunity to be together.

### 9. Serve in worship

Offer yourself in service to your church for the season.

### 10. Say "thank you"

Others have shaped you into the person you are. Thank them for their influence on your life.

## MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY REPORT



Following the fire audit, the carpentry work has been completed in the Church Centre. This involved re-hanging a number of doors, replacing the fire protection strips in the doors and putting locks on to all the cupboards. If you need access to these cupboards at any time please request the location of the keys from either Bridget Halpin or Margaret Bull.

The electrical work has also been completed so there is a new fire alarm system in the hall, new emergency lights, new lights in the car park and along the walkway. The kitchen door is now kept open by a magnet, which will close in the event of the fire alarms going off.

The new board is in place on the right hand side of the outside notice board. A new board on the left hand side will be organised shortly.

The paperwork required by our insurance has been completed and will be reviewed at the next elders meeting.

Bridget

## THANKS FROM THE GIDEONS



For many years the members of the Friendship Circle have been collecting small change and sending it to our local branch for the work of the Gideons UK. The charity provide small containers called 'mites', named after the widow's 'mite' in the New Testament. The containers are available at each meeting and are the ideal size for small coins. Recently I sent a cheque for £25 to

Ken Neilson, a member of our local Gideons' branch. This was made possible by the generous giving of members of the Friendship Circle and other church friends, particularly Clarice, Rev. Rachel and my brother John. Ken sends grateful thanks to everyone who collects so regularly and generously. All monies are used for the printing and distribution of Bibles which are placed, free of charge, in hotels, hospitals, schools and many other places in the 'highways of life'.

I receive the Gideons' magazine regularly and would be happy to share it with others.



## FILM CLUB

Do come along on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm when you can see

### “Mama Mia - Here We Go Again”

starring Meryl Streep, Lily James and Amanda Seyfried

Five years after the events of “Mamma Mia!”, Sophie prepares for the grand re-opening of the Hotel Bella Donna as she learns more about her mother's past.

Discover Donna's young life and experience the fun she had with the three possible dads of Sophie. As she reflects on her mom's journey, Sophie finds herself to be more like her mother than she ever even realised.

**Tea and cakes will be served: £2.00 per person.**

*The Film Club would be grateful for the loan of suitable films (no longer than 2 hours) which our audience would enjoy.*



## THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST is on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am



Come along and bring your friends  
and smell the sizzling bacon as you come through the door.  
The February Big Breakfast raised £61.49

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEAMINGTON

### CHURCHES TOGETHER RAMBLERS

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 9.45am for 10.00am

### STONELEIGH TO STARETON (3 miles)

Meet at The Green in the centre of Stoneleigh village.

The walk is followed by an optional lunch at The Oak, Baginton

Leader: Rosemary Steele 07773 503472

More details will be on the vestibule notice board.

## WARWICK DISTRICT FAITHS FORUM

The Ahmadiyya Muslim community invites you to take a tour of the Baital Ehsan Mosque on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> between 11am and 5pm. The Mosque is situated off Adelaide Road by the River Leam.

The community has recently completed a new extension using the adjacent former Royal Naval Association premises. The enlarged building will enable their charitable work to be expanded. A warm welcome, exhibition and refreshments will be offered.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

*Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.*

Although I must be the least musical person the world has ever known, these words from the well known hymn have been haunting me for the past few weeks.

When I read an article recently published in the Leamington Spa Courier, I felt that God was speaking both to me and to Radford Road Church.

The full page article spoke of a nation-wide project under the auspices of the Near Neighbours' charity, where local community groups offer people somewhere to see a friendly face and to enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee and a bite to eat. The ethos is rooted in a good old fashioned sense of neighbourliness and offers communities a safe place to connect and belong. It is based on five Ps:

- Place** - A hospitable, accessible building which is open weekly
- People** - Open to all regardless of circumstances or situation
- Presence** - A place where people actively listen to one another
- Provision** - Free refreshments, friendship and basic local information
- Participation** - Recognition that all who come will bring talents, experiences and skills that they might be willing to share with others.

Could we start a Place of Welcome at Radford Road Church? At present there is not one within 25 miles! I have already made enquiries and have posters and handbills ready for duplication for distribution in the locality.

The Vestibule would be an ideal place and is available from 10.00am until 11.30am each Tuesday morning.

I am willing to head the project but we do need a small team of volunteers to commit to organising and helping on a weekly basis. The volunteers would be asked to serve refreshments, to offer a welcoming face and to chat to visitors. Most important of all, they need, not to be able to solve problems, but to be able to listen sympathetically.

**Only if we have a team of volunteers can we proceed.**

**Please consider this prayerfully and if you feel that this is a service you are able to offer to our community then please let me have your name asap.**

With willing volunteers this could be a real service to the community and especially to those who live alone, feel lonely and need a friendly environment to chat to others.

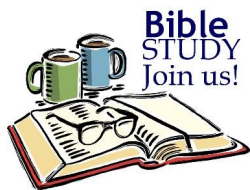
*Marjorie*

## UNVEILING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE AND THE OPENING OF THE NEW LILLINGTON FREE CHURCH



On Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3.00pm, the Revd. John Carrier together with the Synod Moderator, Revd. Steve Faber, will unveil the foundation stone of the new Lillington Free Church. This will be followed by an ecumenical service of Prayer and Dedication for the new Church building. All are invited. The new Church at Lillington will be officially opened on the following Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 3.00pm, when the Revd. John Proctor, the General Secretary of the United Reformed Church will preach. This is an exciting milestone in the life of Lillington Free Church and we send our greetings, congratulations, and prayers to James and to the church at Lillington. It would be really appreciated if members and friends of Radford Road Church could attend either or both of these services to show support to Lillington Free Church and to James on these very special occasions. Do put the two dates in your diary **NOW** and join in these celebrations. In addition the church will be open on the morning of March 9<sup>th</sup> for people to drop in to see the new building and to view the displays by groups and hall users, whilst enjoying a cup of coffee.

### HOUSE GROUP BIBLE STUDY



**Bible STUDY**  
Join us!  
meets each Friday at 135, Leam Terrace  
at 7.30pm

The Group would welcome others to join them.  
Please see James for further details.

## PUZZLE: JUST A BIT OF FUN!

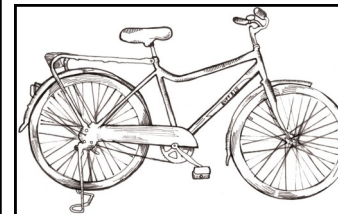
Within these two paragraphs are 18 hidden books of the Bible.  
How many can you find?

Someone once remarked upon the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept some people looking so hard for the facts, for others it was a revelation. Many were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalised. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers, though to others it was still a really hard job and those chose a different strategy.

We want it to be a most fascinating moment for you. Yes, there will be some difficult ones to spot. Others will require the brains of judges to help to identify them. One lady says she brews a cup of tea so that she can concentrate better. We will admit that it usually takes a minister to find the last of them. There will be loud lamentations when it is found. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are eighteen books of the Bible hidden in this paragraph. One vicar found seventeen books in minutes but it took him three weeks to find the eighteenth, in his Biblical CD ROM answer file!

(No prizes but answers next month)

### OUR MISSION PROJECT: BUFFALO BIKES FOR WORLD BICYCLE RELIEF



In September 2018 we set out to raise £1000 for World Bicycle Relief, a wonderful charity which provides bicycles to people in underdeveloped countries who, at present, have no means of transport!

**Fantastic news!**

**We have already reached our target!**

Yes, we have raised £1000 in the short period between September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and the end of January 2019 to provide ten bikes which will benefit ten people enormously. Well done everyone.

Between now and July the proceeds from Big Breakfast will go into Church Funds and the money raised at the Big Breakfast in August will, as usual, be given to the Friendship Circle.

Our new Mission Fund project will begin in September.

If you have any suggestions of a charity you would like the church to support please have a word with Margaret Height and give her your ideas.

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN MARCH

The monthly Prayer Diary encourages the Church family to focus prayers on specific people or organisations on a daily basis

1st	Women's World Day of Prayer	17th	The Friendship Circle
2nd	Valerie	18th	John F
3rd	The family of Jessie	19th	Joyce
4th	Gill	20th	Our Ministers & families
5th	Nick	21st	Mavis P
6th	Ken	22nd	Sally, Andrew & Sally's Mum
7th	Peggy	23rd	All involved with the Night Shelter
8th	Lillington Free Church	24th	The Street Pastors
9th	Big Breakfast	25th	Ralph
10th	Clare	26th	Clarice
11th	The family of Pat S	27th	Maureen
12th	Mid-Week Worship & Wed. Lunch	28th	The Film Club
13th	Elders of the Church	29th	World Bicycle Relief
14th	House Group	30th	Fairtrade
15th	Kingsley & Anne	31st	Mothers everywhere
16th	The Uniformed Organisations		

You are invited to take a pebble from the basket on the Table of Remembrance, sit or stand quietly and concentrate on your particular concern. Then hold or stroke your pebble – feel your hurt, worry, loneliness, pain, guilt, unhappiness or anxiety flowing into your stone. Feel it warm in your hand. If you are praying for someone else, feel your love and compassion flowing into your pebble.

When you are ready, leave your pebble at the cross of Jesus. Leave it with your concerns, so that Jesus can deal with them. Then go – knowing that Jesus loves and cares about you.

There is also a Book of Prayer. Any situation entered in the book will be prayed for at Friday Bible Study and included in the monthly Prayer Diary.

## BROWNIES' DISCO

The Rainbows and Brownies bid for a disco at the Auction of Promises at the Craft Fair and were delighted when they won. The Revd. Peter Powers, who had offered the prize, came along and ran the disco for the Rainbows and Brownies at the end of term in December last year.

The girls dressed in their finery and the flashing coloured disco lights had to be seen to be believed.

Here are some of the comments from the girls:

*'It was great fun playing musical chairs and doing the limbo'.*

*'We enjoyed playing together'.*

*'It was very exciting and made us smile'.*

*'I felt like I was in a musical'.*

*'Megan's (a leader) dancing was the worst'.*

*'Very lively and fun'.*

Our next planned adventures are clip and climb, a sleepover and a swimming gala.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12 - 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019



This is the biggest single act of Christian witness in Britain.

During April Radford Road Church will be appealing for collectors, walkers and sponsors to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

### HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION

Join thousands of others to take part in the UK's longest-running fundraising week! Have great fun while helping people like Jebbeh in Sierra Leone.

### WALKERS

Radford Road will be organising our own sponsored walk around Jephson Gardens on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May and will be returning to Church to recover at the Big Breakfast.

### SPONSOR A WALKER

Could you sponsor a walker? If you can then complete the sponsorship form on the board in the vestibule

## MARCH DIARY 2019

Fri	1	2.00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St. Peter's Church
<b>Sun</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by John Hogarth Church Action on Poverty Sunday</b>
Tues	5	2.00pm	(Shrove Tuesday) Friendship Circle - Fiona Elvins
Wed	6	11.00am	(Ash Wednesday) - Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Mid-Week Worship
Fri	8	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sat	9	9.00am	Big Breakfast
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent. Sunday Service with Holy Communion led by the Revd. James Church</b>
Tues	12	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - Revd. John Harris
Wed	13	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch: - Songs of Praise DVD featuring Calais
Fri	15	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
<b>Sun</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by the Revd. Sam McBratney</b>
Tues	19	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - John Cotterill
Wed	20	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Mid-Week Worship
Fri	22	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace World Water Day
<b>Sun</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by the Revd. James Church</b>
Tues	26	2.00pm	Friendship Circle - Revd. Peter Powers
Wed	27	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch: - Songs of Praise DVD featuring Mothers' Day
Thurs	28	2.00pm	Film Club "Mama Mia - Here We Go Again"
<b>Sun</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mothering Sunday Service led by Mrs Fiona Elvins</b>

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Plans are already in hand for the following activities. Please put them in your diaries and give your support.

**Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** Last Night of the Proms

**Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> 11.00am - 2.00pm** Craft Fair

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm - 4.00pm** Nativity Exhibition.

This is a big event when Nativities from all round the world will again be on display. However, we do need help from people who can serve light refreshments and people who are willing to be available to welcome and chat to visitors.



## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday March 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 at 2.00pm**  
at St Peter's RC Church, Dormer Place, L/ Spa,  
CV32 5AA



Each year, on this day, Christians of many cultures, traditions, and races, in over 170 countries around the world unite in prayer.

Women's World Day of Prayer is no longer celebrated only by women; men and children are welcome and encouraged to participate too.

Programme material for 2019 has been designed by the women of Slovenia and the theme for 2019 is "Come, Everything is Ready". The picture, designed by Rezka Arnuš of Slovenia represents her home country and also the main biblical story of the worship service, The Parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). It emphasises that Jesus welcomes all to his table including those from the margins of society, the disabled, the homeless and the outcasts.

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NIGHT SHELTER

On February 15<sup>th</sup> John and Marjorie attended St. Peter's Conference Centre to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Night Shelter. This location was chosen as it was there, ten years ago at a meeting of Churches Together in Leamington, that the idea of a Night Shelter was first mooted.

Chris and Margaret spoke of the history of the Shelter and special thanks were given to Radford Road Church for the support and the provision of our premises. Margaret and Chris also thanked the many volunteers and supporters who work to provide meals and safe overnight provision for those who are homeless and vulnerable.

During the evening the Night Shelter volunteers sang a song to the tune of the 'Washing Machine Song', written by Margaret, about the Night Shelter. One verse said,

*We started off in 09*

*We started at Bath Place*

*There was a fire that stopped us*

*We had to leave the place.*

*The Radford Road Church came forward*

*To help us on our way*

*We'd like to thank them so much*

*Throughout the live long day.*

The evening concluded with refreshments and gave everyone the opportunity to talk together and meet our MP and some of our Town Councillors and all those who have supported the Shelter over the years.