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Our 25th Anniversary Celebration Service at All Saints Church, Saturday October 5th 2pm - 3.30pm

Followed by afternoon tea, kindly sponsored by

**Care and support for
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Goodbye Don

We say goodbye to Don Dolbel. The Parklife Choir will always be a bit poorer for this amazing guy not being around. Thank you Don for all you brought to us, you inspired so many people and we miss you "To make you feel my love" it always was your song and always will be.



Picture : Tony Pyke

Hello Adrian

This is Adrian Bevis, who came our way in 2017. After six years of volunteering for us, we have been able to offer Adrian a place on the team. Mainly overseeing the foodbank stock, he has settled in really well. Can usually be



heard many Monday mornings saying "who put that there!" Well done Adey' keep going mate.



We saw 557 people at the foodbank in 2023 and we gave out approx. 3453 bags of food. Thank you to all our donors.



Thank you to Jersey Community Foundation for funding the last 80 Saturday lunches at St Pauls Church. The funding has covered at least 4,000+ two course meals. Wow!



Our old mate, Stevie Sharp and his magnificent flying machine.

3 Daisy Villas, Lewis St.

This is our base.

For some, it is simply a place where they can come along to. For a lot of folk it is their first introduction to Grace Trust. Some just need to vent off about all their frustrations, some just need to be heard. It's a place that has also seen a lot of laughs. In all aspects of long-haul outreach to a community you do need a sense of humour. You also need an awareness of when you don't have to say anything at all. Not everything requires a comment or an appraisal. I was asked once how I determined the need of someone? Do tears say enough sometimes? Yeah, they do here at Grace Trust. The essential piece of kit is a kettle, we get through quite a few cups over the course of a week, it's simply a way of saying we value you, we value your time too. A gesture of goodwill that makes someone feel welcome.



To the left;

This is a picture of a very early Grace Trust lunch, probably around the year 2000 at Elim Church, Stopford Road. This was kindly given to us by Pam Carroll seated second from right. Also in the picture are Pam's late sister Pat seated first from left. Fourth from right is the founder of Grace Trust, Lucy Lutara. Also Andy Tremeer and other faces that attended many of our Saturday Lunches through the years.

To the right;

Here we are now in St Pauls Church. This has been home to the lunches since April 2005 when St Pauls kindly provided us with a wonderful place to base our lunches. We are regularly seeing 45-50 people each Saturday at the moment. We provide a two course meal, with as much tea or coffee as you like, and like it they do! We give an encouraging uplifting talk in between courses. Its an open door to anyone and everyone, this is one of our most valued Community based projects and we love it, like we love those who come to it!



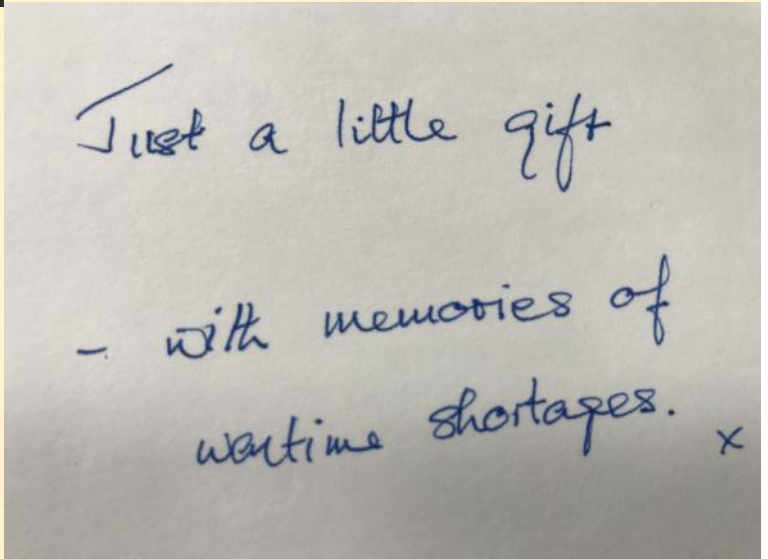


Early summer morning St Helier.

What a mixture of different backgrounds? Some folk going to work, some facing a long day of loneliness, wishing for some sort of change. Some looking forward to a long weekend, catching up with friends or family. Some dreading another weekend of silence. We can't always know what life looks like for others. But we can think of what we appreciate. Friendship is a valuable part of our journey through life. Having a friend can only be known by being a friend.

What we get in our letter box.

This came into our box one day. I was taken aback to be honest. Isn't it hard to think that we could still be at a place and time of such difficult memories for people? No such thing as a little gift and it's these donations that make the difference. This is the sort of gesture that never grows old and that makes a difference, bless you, whoever you are.




Art Exhibition

Viewing from Sunday 23 to Saturday 29 June 2024

At JARO Gallery, 1 York Street, St Helier

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In the gallery !

This is a really good opportunity to see some of our work from the Art in the Park project. Now in its 16th year. Janine Graham began and oversaw the initiative from 2008 until 2018. Since then Sue Haine and Rosie Boleat have headed this peaceful Tuesday afternoon project. We have a great team alongside Sue and Rosie, our long standing and essential volunteers Kathy De Gruchy, Jackie Naish, Debbie Crane and Anna Sheehan. Vini and Mark are always on hand to chat and listen to peoples cares or concerns.



The Corporate Cook Days 2014 to 2024.



The very beginning of this project began 10 am - March 26th 2014 when Vini & Gerry met up with Melissa Nobrega for a coffee in the Market. Melissa was in the process of establishing Caring Cooks, expressing a desire to produce meals for those struggling on the Island, we persuaded her to produce some fresh cooked meals we could freeze immediately, then distribute through the foodbank, simple, no waste, meeting the need.



The original cooks in 2014 – 2015 were Michelle Banks, Sharon McLucas, Nicki Richomme, Gail Lees among so many great folk who have volunteered over the years. Then in 2015 we saw Trizia (pictured above) take it on until 2022



We would like to give a big shout out to Freedom Church who hosted our Corporate Cook days from 2019 to 2022. The amount of meals prepared and cooked during that time was really significant. Thank you to all involved and Freedom media as was, for all you contributed in supporting us. Amazing to think that the project had come as far as it did in a such a relatively short time. Trizia worked so hard alongside so many teams who produced thousands of meals within that period at the Freedom centre.



We are currently holding our cook days at St Andrews Church where our very own Mark Watkins oversees the whole day. We are still having great interest from many Corporates concerning a slot for one of their teams. Mark loves to cook, he also cooks once a month for our Saturday Lunchtime Meals at St Pauls. In general we hold 10 cook days per year, producing 150 to 200 meals each session, which works out just right in relation to the demand through the foodbank.



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Thank you.

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