

Dear David

Synod Evening Meeting

This is to thank you and all members and friends of the church who helped in any way to prepare, steward and clear up after the first evening synod meeting. Please also thank all who baked cakes and scones which were clearly appreciated and there were abundant supplies. Please also give a special thanks to the organist who coped so well with last minute requests and almost needed a crystal ball at times. He did well.

It was a delight to meet in your lovely church, which you have made so comfortable. We did not get everything right and hope to improve in the future but you did everything right. It was a good start to the venture at Middlewich.

Please ensure that everyone knows how grateful we are and how much we enjoyed our visit. All your hard work was well worthwhile. I am sure we will want to come back but we will try to ensure others take their turn also.

Our best wishes and prayers for all you do.

Yours sincerely

Donald Swift
Synod Clerk

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UNICEF – JARS OF GRACE

What is UNICEF? It's the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund.

What does UNICEF do? They provide all kinds of help for children and families across the world. It may be famine relief in the form of food and seed; it may be shelter following a natural disaster; it may be medical supplies and personnel; it can also be equipment to find and access clean water.

Much of the funding comes from voluntary donations and that's where the 'Jars of Grace' come in.

We are asked to have a jar on the table at home and to place into it one penny per person per meal each day. Of course, you can put more in if you wish – the amount is up to you.

At the last Church Meeting it was agreed that our Church family would adopt the Jars of Grace scheme for November and December this year. At the beginning of the New Year all the jars will be collected and opened and the money will be counted and sent to UNICEF.

There is a leaflet, which will be available in Church. This explains the scheme and includes a label to attach to your jar. Please help. You will save lives.

Jean Farquhar

The Alternative Christmas Card

Last year we took part in the Alternative Christmas Card scheme and sent a number of practical gifts to other countries through OXFAM.

The idea is that, instead of buying and sending separate cards to all the folk in Church you buy one card and put it on the board at the front of the Church. You place a donation in the box provided – what it would have cost to send individual cards, perhaps – and this buys practical gifts through OXFAM for people in other countries.

Please join in this worthwhile venture. It's a great blessing to everyone.

Jean Farquhar