



One thing can lead to another...

James Taylor, Shower The People 1976

Thank you so much for all the wonderful offers of support we've received at The Food Bank this week.

After a week of making key decisions about The Well's offering to the community currently, this week we are very busy with the Food Bank. We now have 4 regular households per day and often some emergency ones from HDC. We were enormously grateful to Dave Andrews at The Jubilee for sharing some of their excess food with us this week (after all, you can never have enough soup in this weather!) and to Mike, one of our volunteers for collecting it.

We have several new applications from people who would like to help others move on with their finances, and we will also be working with Beacon Care in Harborough to work out services to help people move out of a position of financial and/or emotional crisis. Whilst we do not claim to be experts, we are hearing from people that having someone there to walk with them for the long-run is critical.

If you have offered to deliver food and have not yet been contacted, do not fear! We will be in touch this week now that we've worked out internal volunteers under new Covid regulations.

Please can we remind ALL volunteers approaching The Well Next Door to please wear a face mask, even if you are standing outside to talk with us. We can only accommodate 3 people at once within the building and are not supposed to be socialising so forgive us if we don't stop to chat as feely as we would love to. You can always email or ring to book a time for a zoom or telephone call.



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If one thing leads to another, where are we now?

A week into our third Lockdown, I have been drawn to stories of people who began movements - almost by accident.

One thing really has led to another and the speed at which the world has responded has been phenomenal, often taking the initiator by surprise. I am talking about peaceful ones, obviously, not the upsetting images from Washington last week.

One thing really has led to another at speed over the past year at The Well, not

without cost in places, but what do we now do with this provision as the pandemic goes on?

The Documentary film, 'I am Greta', is an incredibly moving tracking of the teenage activist's journey toward founding the largest attended climate change marches in history. What started as a solitary protest before the Swedish election has now gone global and Greta has conversed with, or is at least known by (not always favourably), all word leaders including being told by Pope Francis to keep going.

Greta - supported by her compassionate Father every step of the way - is prepared to go to extraordinary lengths to set an example to others about the urgency required to save our planet, even embarking upon a gruelling boat journey of over 2 weeks to the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit in New York to avoid flying.

Although the documentary may be frustrating to some (probably including Greta herself) for not focusing in more depth on the issues surrounding climate change, I was proud that my own children watched this small, altogether human child step up to the task of saving the world. She embodies so many of the values we 'talk about' in home schooling currently and in raising them: when your heart burns about something on the inside, what's on the outside melts away as you strive to live for that thing.

It made me reflect on the recent Christmas message where Jesus himself came into the world in the form of a child;

The world was changed by something tiny and altogether human, raw and real and natural.

Unforced and humble, but powerful.

And in our current 'Dwelling' Bible passage of Luke 10 that the Prayer Team are focusing on this month, a similar message is echoed as Jesus says:

" I praise you, Father, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children...."

Perhaps he would look Greta Thunberg in the eye and say:

"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

Did you know that The Well also began in response to a movement?

Yes - it really did!

The founders of The Well responded to an account of the first ever 24-7 prayer room on the south coast of England, written down by its initiator, Peter Grieg in a book called "Red Moon Rising".

A passionate poem scribbled on the prayer room wall suddenly took on a life of its own. Within weeks The Vision had reached 100,000 underground churches in China, 400,000 young people in Washington DC, and it had been choreographed in Spain and remixed by DJs from Sweden to NYC. It has gone on to inspire two million people in more than 10,000 prayer rooms in most denominations and more than half the nations on earth, and now reaches schools and colleges with much needed, life giving, good news.

You can read about the 24-7 prayer movement and The Vision Poem here:

<https://www.24-7prayer.com/thevisionpoem>

If you talk to the founders of The Well, they are all in agreement: The Well began in response to a movement, not a denomination of church, social action project or even need for a cosy cafe in the village at the time! By 'movement',

they meant, 'on the move' and one thing really did lead to another over the years as they saw God on the move and joined in.

The legacy of prayer leading us on is still crucial to many of us involved today.

The Well has grown in its tangible offering and many more from our community, have joined in with its life, leadership and vision - great! We are in a different phase of life with new questions and ethos of larger team work.

But we must continue to ensure that we allow for one thing to move to another with as much fluidity and flexibility as in the early days. We now have a beautiful building, but we must make sure we are still free to write all over the walls (metaphorically for now please until we can develop a writing wall!!).

So if you are wondering where you sit with The Well almost a year on from the first Lockdown, maybe ask yourself question:

"What is the 'one thing' that you would like to 'write on the walls' of The Well in 2021?"

What message do you want to go viral in Kibworth and our surrounding villages...our county...our world?!

All of The Trustees, and Spiritual Reflection Group and Managers would love to know...



The first 24/7 prayer home in an old warehouse, 1999, is striking in its honest offering.



A brilliant thought from Liz Scott

It has been weird seeing a picture I created all over Kibworth but at the same time a sense of something like an inheritance or a beloved heirloom being briefly mine but the greater enjoyment being in handing it on.

Anyone who's done a life changing course, whether for addiction, mental wellness, divorce recovery or gone to relationship counselling, will know the core lesson, is to be more outward looking, a better listener, a joyful giver, a person who says yes to life and letting themselves shine in the process.

Whatever gift you've been given; listener, peacemaker, crafter, joy bringer...find a way to share it and keep smiling at strangers on your 1hour exercise break. Kibworth is a great place to live.

Liz Scott

Thank you for your interest and support - stay safe - keep moving, Emma & team



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