

St Peter's Baptist Church

What we did in the area of social action in 2018



Throughout the year we helped serve evening meals at [St Paul's Hostel](#), cooked and served meals for the Friday night Salvation Army 'Soup Run', collected donations of food and other items for [Worcester Foodbank](#) and helped out at The Good Soil Trust. Prayers for a whole range of social action ministries feature regularly in the monthly Prayer Diary and services.

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January	<p>Tearfund Renew our Food campaign</p> <p>21 January - Homeless Sunday</p> <p>Free for Good</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of cards in church promoting this campaign. • Responsibility for future Tearfund actions transferred to World Mission Group. • Homeless focused prayers during first morning service. Focus on YMCA and prayers during second morning service. • New Free for Good website launched in support of the Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill promoted in the notice sheet.
February	<p>Free for Good</p> <p>Maggs meal vouchers</p> <p>26 February – 11 March - Fairtrade Fortnight</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Free for Good website launched in support of the Modern Slavery (Victim Support) Bill promoted in the notice sheet. • Maggs meal vouchers promoted in the notice sheet. • Promoted in the notice sheet. • Fairtrade Fortnight leaflets in coffee shop. • Promoted Worcester Trade Justice Network Fairtrade Fortnight Quiz in the notice sheet.
March	<p>Appointment of social action ambassadors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of people agreed to become ambassadors for social action related organisations – these will act as contacts for information/prayer needs.
April	<p>15 April: Social Action Sunday</p> <p>Social Action and Mission Challenge cards</p> <p>Maggs meal vouchers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Town spoke during morning services with a focus on Street Pastors. Circulated Social Action and Mission Challenge cards. Care's media cards and Maggs meal vouchers available after the services. • Simon Roper continued the social action theme during the evening service preaching. • Promoted in the notice sheet and on the website.
May	<p>Social Action and Mission Challenge and Maggs meal vouchers</p> <p>Partnerships review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice sheet message asking how people were getting on with the social action challenges and highlighting availability of more Maggs Meal vouchers. • Completed our review of partnerships

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June	10 June evening service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mel Kirk, Manager of Maggs, took part in a Q & A session with Amy. People were invited to share any fresh social action challenges they may have taken on since Social Action Sunday.
July	Foodbank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Notice sheet message about latest needs.
September	Link to Hope Shoebox appeal News from our social action partners I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Trina publicised the appeal for Link to Hope in morning services ● Shared our first update from three of our social action partners (St Paul's Hostel, Foodbank and The Bridge) with the church through A5 notice sheet insert, e-news and pieces on the website – end of September/early October.
October	14 October – Harvest Link to Hope Shoebox appeal Human trafficking Growbaby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jim Harper, Good Soil Trust, preached during evening service. Offering for Good Soil House = £1196.86 (25% of total offerings). Alison shared news about Good Soil in morning services. ● 37 bags full of clothes, footwear, sleeping bags etc donated in response to our harvest appeal for winter clothing for Maggs, ● Continued promotion of shoebox appeal this month through leaflets, notice sheet and mentions during services. ● 115 boxes collected for Shoebox appeal – deadline 3 November. ● Di led prayers on modern slavery in the morning services on 28 October. ● Leaflets from Vineyard church Worcester circulated to Refresh and Tick Tock.
November	News from our social action partners II Parliament Week 12 – 18 November Foodbank	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shared our second update from three of our social action partners (Cedar Tree, Good Soil and Two Pennies) with the church through A5 notice sheet insert, e-news and pieces on the website. ● MP Robin Walker raised political awareness with students from 3 Worcestershire schools at church on 16 November. ● Appeal in notice sheet for help with supermarket collections in the run up to Christmas.
December	9 December - Foodbank News from our social action partners III Prison Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grahame Lucas, Foodbank, speaking during evening service ● Shared third update with church from 2 more social action partners (Soup Kitchen and Street Pastors) via notice sheet, e-news and on website. Prayers used in evening service on 9 December. ● £150 raised by the Time Aside group for the Angel Tree project at Long Lartin prison.