

Churches Together in Alresford update November 2018

Autumn is probably my favourite time in the church year. As a Methodist, this may be because it involves a lot of food, but it is also the fact that it is a time when we look back at what we've achieved (the harvest is in) and also look forward to starting new projects (next year's seeds are in the ground).

One of those new seeds is the fund raising for our new charity – Winchester Youth Counselling. We are all starting to hear more in the news about the pressure which young people are under, so being able to help a small local charity like WYC is a way in which we can make a positive difference. The charity already has a waiting list for appointments so the demand is there, and hopefully, we can help in some small way. Following the barn dance, we have sent our first donation of £322

If you'd like to find out more, their website is www.winchesteryouthcounselling.org

We're also looking forward to growing even closer as congregations. It's always striking during the away weekends in Bournemouth how much we all enjoy each other's company and worshipping together, and are keen to do more. So we will be getting together for Shoe Box packing at St Gregory's on the afternoon of Sunday 4 November. Special thanks go to Billy Goat shoes in Alresford for the boxes themselves! One more date for your diary is CTIA carol singing in town on Sunday 17 December at 11 am.

Finally we would like to support the important work of Christians Against Poverty. CAP are a national charity who operate in partnership with local churches to help people of all faiths or none with debt counselling and money advice. To gauge interest in Alresford, we will be setting up an initial meeting – details to follow soon.