

# IMPACT REPORT

## SEPTEMBER 2023

### NEW PARTNER CHURCHES

We are well and truly back into the swing of things after the summer holidays. St Georges Church in Pontesbury, Hereford signed a new partnership agreement at the very start of the summer holidays, and we are busy working with them on their launch date. New Life Church in New Milton also signed a partnership agreement and have taken over working with Linden House in Lymington with sessions underway.

We have exciting meetings on the horizon with Norwich Diocese and a Northampton church, as well as continued exploration in Exeter.

### CURRENT GROUPS RUNNING

September-2023	Jul-23	Current	% Increase	2025 Target
<b>Partner Churches</b>	9	9	0%	30
<b>Care Homes</b>	9	10	10%	
<b>Settings</b>	10	11	9%	
<b>In the Pipeline</b>	13	15	13%	
	<b>Average attendance</b>	<b>Total this month</b>	<b>New moments of...</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Older Adults</b>	9	204	<b>Confidence</b>	61
<b>Care Home Staff</b>	1	33	<b>Participation</b>	117
<b>Children</b>	4	94		
<b>Parent/Child Carer</b>	3	62		
<b>Sessions run in September</b>		<b>23</b>		

September Highlights:



The care home at Abbey View sent our Yvonne, our wonderful storyteller, this message:  
*Just wanted to let you know CQC gave Abbey View an Outstanding! In the very chunky detailed report, it is mentioned that a group of toddlers visited Abbey View on the day that the CQC Directors arrived unannounced, and that there was much positive interaction plus lovely comments from folk other than residents. Plus loads of other proof of residents stories etc.*

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*A new gentleman was talking outside to a nurse and she encouraged him to stay. When one of the children offered him a bag he was quite moved and joined in the song one finger one thumb. His daughter came in at the end as was thrilled to see Dad joining in and said he was looking forward to next week.*

*At Cheriton Jill witnessed - a lovely little girl had written an invitation to one our older friends to her birthday party!*

*Faye saw - two non verbal, chair bound residents smile & hold a prop with my hands supporting*

There are so many wonderful interactions happening each week in our groups. Our storytellers are now able to access an overview of their reflections and easily see their highlight of the week to share with their church family.



## ESOL PILOT PROJECT



Karen Priest began working for us as the ESOL Pilot coordinator almost 3 weeks ago. She is working on setting up two pilots.

For the first pilot, she is looking at educating and training existing storytellers through an online session and follow-up to help make existing groups more inclusive. We are starting some conversations with Welcome Churches who have previously shown interest in partnering with us in this. She is also starting to prepare some of the material for the training session.

For the second pilot, she is looking at trialling a TBT Lite session with those of an ESOL background who may feel unable to access a traditional TBT group. We have had some good conversations with ICN (International Care Network), who work locally in Bournemouth and the surrounding area, to support refugees and asylum seekers. They are eager to collaborate with us on this pilot and we are beginning the process of preparing the material for the sessions, simplifying the stories, and collating the songs that we will use in the sessions.