

IMPACT REPORT

MARCH 2024

NEW PARTNER CHURCHES

This month we are thrilled that Coastline Church confirmed their partnership with us, their sessions will commence after the Easter Holidays.

Dorchester Family Church took on a new Care Home setting, bringing the total number of care homes they visit each week to three!

Vicky visited Broadstone Methodist's Café Church to share all things TBT with lots of interest and further connections made, with a view to seeing if they could become a partner in the future.

Vicky and Gemma also met with the Children's & Youth Development officer for the Wessex region for the URC. She was very positive about TBT and felt this could work well within their context and is taking some time to promote TBT within the region.

Vicky has also built relationship with a Care Home in Poole and connected them with a local Junior School as part of our storytelling campaign. Six children from the school along with their teacher enjoyed a lovely visit sharing stories and building friendships.



CURRENT GROUPS RUNNING

March-2024	Jul-23	Current	2026 Target	
Partner Churches	9	11	30	
Care Homes	9	10		
Other Settings	1	6		
In the Pipeline	13	13		
	Average attendance	Total this month	New moments of...	Total
Older Adults	11	207	Confidence	73
Care Home Staff	2	32	Participation	96
Children	5	104		
Parent/Child Carer	3	64		
	Total	407		
	Sessions run in March	19		

March Highlights:

In Dorchester one of the children didn't want to leave and asked if she could have a sleepover!

Paul and Julie sang the '1 2 3 4 5 once I caught a fish alive' and made some fishing rods with hooks and fish to be caught. Adults and children alike enjoyed this activity.



In Cheriton, a lady called Audrey, joined in with this little piggy and run run as fast as you can you can't catch me I'm the ginger bread man. The activities manager said that the first time she had ever heard her speak.

Jill had a gap that needed filling for the parachute and a gentleman who normally sits, stood up and walked over to fill the gap.



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For world book day, there were lots of books shared. In one home Jill had 3 residents share the books that they enjoyed as a child. Swallows and Amazons, western stories, and Enid Blyton books.

In Christchurch, Sophie saw that all four of the children who could move, gave out props and stickers well and willingly. The residents were delighted, got involved with parachute and props, clearly enjoyed the children. There was also lots of sharing of books at the end.

In Brockenhurst, one of the children wanted to make sure a lady who turned up late was ok and gave her two stickers.

In Surrey one of the residents told Sue, "It makes me happy being here."

Karen saw a resident who, when she first started coming, often slept through the sessions, and, if she was awake at points, appeared confused. This week she was awake for most of the session, she joined in with the songs and loved wearing her bunny ears headband.

In Sherborne the younger children are getting more confident with the regular residents and are sharing items more readily with them rather than to mummies and the other children.

In Bournemouth, with the integration song they played with beach balls instead of balloons. The residents loved it, laughing and joining in. The children enjoyed throwing them to the residents, and one child carefully threw their ball to each of the residents on one side of the room in turn making sure no one was missed.



TBT ESOL

In March there were four TBT ESOL sessions run in Bournemouth and Birmingham. Within these groups up to ten nationalities were represented including Afghani, Sudanese, Ethiopian and Columbian. These groups continue to be popular even during Ramadan, when we had expected the numbers to drop.

March Highlights:

In Bournemouth there was a discussion about how God hears us, including sharing stories of when God has heard us, and what the Quran says about we should pray to God because he hears us.

Karen also saw that the older lady, who is quiet during the session due to her very limited English, stood up to help with the parachute at the end, laughed with the children who stood next to her.

In Birmingham everyone enjoyed going on a 'bus' by doing a conga line round the room. They also had an older autistic boy join in on the carpet to sing row row - first time not just sat at side.