

HOLIDAY AT HOME – UPDATE AT MEMBERS MEETING 22 06 17

Our Bible verse for the week this year is:

The Lord says, "People who never before inquired about me are now asking about me. I am found by people who were not looking for me. To them I have said, Here I am" Isaiah 65:1

H@H this year will take place from 17th -20th July.

We have had quite a good response for volunteers for the week.

Each day has a day lead responsible for the organization of that day with others supporting. Each day has a kitchen lead and team of helpers for feeding our guests that day.

We are trying to make the week as varied as possible.

The week has a variety of activities, including, guest speakers, crafts, quizzes, armchair exercises, the children's choir from the local school, slide show about Swindon in the past, newspapers, games, flower arranging, a sing-a-long, drama and lots of competitions. There is also a talk about Angel's Orphanage in Nepal and a talk from Steve and Christine about their time in India.

Our day trip this year will be on the Wednesday as the church building has a number of groups already booked in. The trip by popular demand is to Weston Super Mare!!

After much discussion, we decided to only have H@H until after lunch on the Thursday as we find our guests are very tired after a day away.

Guests will pay £7 for the week which includes the day trip.

So far 41 people (including volunteers) have signed up for the week and we still have a number of weeks to go. Posters have been put up in sheltered housing, shops, community centre etc in the hope of reaching as many people as we possibly can.

We are organizing an off-site prayer support group to cover the week and all our activities. There will be a prayer area with prayer cards available each day.

A member of the team will be available to talk and pray with our guests. Please let us know if you want to be involved in this ministry. Each day will begin and end with a time of prayer.

The budget for H@H £1500 will be spent on :

Coach hire

Food for each day

Gifts for visiting speaker

Small monetary gift for visitors who are coming to entertain our guests

Prizes

Posters/ publicity

Crafts

What we need:

1. Prayer, prayer and more prayer:
For safety
For continued enthusiasm for the team as they tire as the week goes on.
The coach trip, for safety in travel, no one gets lost or hurt.
Good atmosphere develops between all our guests and friendships develop and deepen.
2. We are looking for volunteers to make cakes to give our guests with their teas and coffees during the week. If you are able to support us in this way please give your name to Vicki, Tina or Christine.
3. Anyone who has a spare hour, morning, afternoon or a whole day and would like to help or come along and chat to our guests or join the team, would be very welcome.