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6 January 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR



The Christmas Day and New Year's Day services in the Hub were well attended. Here is some of the congregation singing carols at the end of the service on 18th December. We hope 2023 will be a happy and peaceful year for us all.

START UP AND LADIES OF THE ROCK

During 2022 we donated to Start-Up the sum of £965. At our Harvest Thanksgiving service 214 items of food and cleaning materials were donated, and these were given to Ladies of the Rock and to Start-Up. This year, on the last Sunday of each month a box will be available in the Hub for donations to Start-Up.

WARM SPACE DROP IN CENTRE

The church continues to open up the Hub every Thursday afternoon from 2.00-4.00 for folk to drop in for a cuppa, a chat or to play some board games, etc. Feel free to drop in yourself any Thursday.



NEW HOME FOR COMMUNION TRAYS

A while ago we reported, both in Up Front and in Stedfast, what had happened to a lot of the contents from the old church building. Shortly before Christmas, we had contact from a new congregation in Wellingborough in Northamptonshire asking if we still had any spare communion trays. It turns out that this is a Ukrainian Church, which held their first service in November. This is the congregation pictured on the date of our first



communion service in the Hub. They received our spare communion trays in time for Christmas, and they sent their thanks and blessings to us in Murrayfield. They are keeping two for their own use and sending the others to churches in Ukraine who need them. Yuliia, Serhii and Zhenya (our own Ukrainian

family) knew nothing about this, but are happy that we can help fellow-Urainians in this way.

CONNECT GROUP

Our first Connect Group of 2023 takes place next Friday Morning the 13th of January, from 10.15am to 11.15am in the Hub (arrival anytime from 10am). This is an opportunity to meet together for an hour to read and discuss a passage from the Bible, finishing with a short time of prayer and fellowship. If you would like a tea/coffee, bring along a flask of either (or juice or water if you prefer). Biscuits will be provided.

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