

Help Polly Help the Homeless in Banbury

“For I was
hungry
and you gave me
something to eat,
I was thirsty
and you gave me
something to drink,
I was a
stranger and
you invited
me in.”
Matthew 25:35



Polly is a friend to the friendless – people on the margins of society, people recently out of hospital or prison, and the homeless – anyone who needs love and guidance as well as food.

She distributes food and befriends the homeless and vulnerable in the Banbury area every day – and has been doing so for over 27 years – providing hot food every evening, plus sandwiches/cakes for people to take for the next day.

Once they've eaten, Polly spends time with her friends, as she considers them to be. They talk about their problems and if they need something, Polly will put out a call for clothing or household items such as a microwave and bedding etc. or go to charity shops and buy them things. (If they have a place to live, they usually have no resources to make it habitable.)

Polly somehow manages to help the homeless **every single day**, regardless of her own scant resources. Her work was recognised in the 2015 High Sheriff of Oxfordshire Awards.

How can you help?

A number of churches and individuals support Polly – in our area, you can

- donate food* at Duns Tew Church (there is a basket in the porch)
- organise a fund raiser
- give cash, cheque or BACS donations via Clare Burgess at Duns Tew or Frances Maksinski (our organist) at Ardley

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Frances (our organist):
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**When leaving donated food in the basket in church, please make sure all food is still within its use-by date. Polly always needs chocolate, chocolate bars, biscuits, teabags, instant coffee, instant chocolate drink.*

Also if you have any clean bedding (sheets, duvets) or clothing/shoes (men's and women's) which you could donate, please contact Clare.