

Thy Kingdom Come: Mission Tools – Other Opportunities – Pop-up Café

Why did you do it?

We wanted to create a space in which to build community and strengthen relationships in a new multiple development area.

What did you do?

We set up our 3Rs (Relax, Refresh, Revive) Café, offering **free** tea, coffee, squash and delicious cake.

How did it work?

You need a decent coffee machine. We purchased a professional coffee machine, but a cheaper, but still high quality machine would do the job. You also need cups and saucers, background music and a smile!

This really is something that the whole church can buy into:

- People clear out their attics and scour charity shops for decent cups and saucers to donate
- People regularly bake cakes (lists of ingredients must be provided and displayed)
- People donate Lego and other activities
- A team of people to set-up, clear-up, make and serve coffee and cake and provide craft activities for the children.

Where did you do it?

St. Mary's Andover runs its 3R's Cafe in a school hall on a new housing estate. In fact, A Pop-Up Café can be held at any venue - church or in the community.

What would you do differently?

We have continued to review our effectiveness. Initially, craft activities were aimed at infant/junior aged children as this was the age range for the school. We have since extended this, including lego for older children (and adults) and more sensory play for younger children.

The other thing we have recently changed is to put up a banner outside of school, a couple of days before - so that it's fresh in people's minds.