



FEAST OF FUN

Impact Report
Summer 2024

Meals & More
Happier. Healthier. Children.

Network of
Kindness

FEAST OF FUN

In Numbers

2,340

Meals provided
across 10 projects

814+

Children reached
with meals and
activities

86

Volunteers helped
deliver activities

100%

of activities engaged
children in receipt of
free school meals

FEAST OF FUN - SUMMER 2023:

Feast of Fun activities provided over 2,000 meals for children and their families across the Diocese of Liverpool area, to help tackle holiday hunger.

Together Liverpool distributed 10 grants for Feast of Fun events to 10 churches and their partners across the Diocese of Liverpool, for activities during summer 2024, as part of our Network of Kindness initiative.

The fund supports churches to strengthen relationships with local communities by hosting fun days and barbeques, holiday clubs, and activity sessions.

A total 1,173 people took part in the activities, including 814 children and 766 adults. Of the activities:

- 100% engaged with families in receipt of free school meals
- 100% engaged with single parent households
- 70% engaged with BAME households
- 30% engaged with LGBTQ+ young people or families
- 30% engaged with children with parents in prison
- 20% engaged with Asylum seekers and refugees

Case Study

Triple C (Liverpool)

Triple C (Liverpool) and Christ Church Norris Green served more than 900 Feast of Fun meals at a two-week summer play scheme, at Leamington Community Primary School.

A total 136 primary school aged children attended from the local community, each receiving a healthy breakfast of cereal and fruit, and snacks of fresh and dried fruit, jelly and yoghurt.

They also got the chance to take part in football skills coaching sessions with Liverpool Football Club's Training Academy, and Everton in the Community. Other activities included craft making, a sensory corner, team games, a visit from a fire crew, face painting, group chats, and ball games.



“LIFESAVER, NOT SURE WHAT WE WILL DO WHEN IT’S NOT ON NEXT WEEK.”- PARTICIPANT

Jan Quai, Children and Families Project worker at Triple C said “The funding enabled us to provide some things that a lot of families can’t afford to buy, like fresh strawberries and watermelon. The food benefits every child involved, even if they have nothing else when they go home, they have benefitted from the food at playscheme.

“Some of the parents say they don’t know what they would do in the holidays if we weren’t here. We help them with the cost of living. A lot of families can’t afford to go away in the school holidays so having this activity is amazing. It makes a massive difference to the whole community.

“It makes a big difference to families lives, it provides some respite for parents and carers too, to be able to have a couple of hours to themselves. Seven weeks is a long time and it’s an expensive time. Having playscheme running for 2 weeks takes the pressure of families financially to take their children out. For some families who just need time to do cleaning, shopping, work then bringing their children to playscheme can also be very beneficial to all involved. Children’s confidence increased over the 2 weeks.”



Case Study

N. Liverpool & S. Sefton Methodist Circuit

93 meals were provided to children through North Liverpool and South Sefton Methodist Circuit over 6 mornings of crafts, games and activities

There was a healthy lunch for all, including lots of fresh fruit for dessert. They noted "The children looked forward to attending. It was something to do that was free - so many costly activities, yet their children could do different crafts and activities for free."

"I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SINCE I GOT UP" PARTICIPANT

Case Study

Christ Church and Holy Trinity Walton Breck

Fed 45-50 children plus 8 young leaders each day at our Church summer Holiday club. The children came and joined us each day for fun, crafts, games and teaching and all left with a packed lunch in a brown paper bag to help their parents with the cost of food over the summer holidays. It was a great week. Our Feast of Fun activity meant that every child who came received a lunch that day and so would have had something to eat - this would not have been the case for some of our families otherwise.

"IT WAS GOOD FOR THE CHILDREN TO SEE HOW THEY CAN GROW INTO YOUNG LEADERS."

Case Study

St Andrews Clubmoor

St Andrews used the grant to help us run 6 weekly Feast of Fun Goes to the Olympics events. Serving over 250 meals.

Feast of Fun had a huge impact on the families who attended. They were enthusiastic about the range of activities provided and the fact that this was a place where they could be fed and entertained for free. On some occasions, we had food gifts donated that we could send the families away with and these were greatly appreciated

"HIGHLIGHTS JUST HOW FINANCIALLY CHALLENGING THE 6 WEEK BREAK CAN BE FOR HOUSEHOLDS"

What our Feast of Fun churches said



"It was a great chance to open the gates of our church garden to large numbers of our community, many of whom wouldn't normally come in, and to be able to provide a safe space to play, eat and share in intergenerational community together.

"They were really grateful, especially as days out, food and activities for children are so expensive, so it had a huge positive impact."

- Christ Church Norris Green

"MOTHER NEW TO OUR PLAY SESSIONS, THAT SHE FELT HER FAMILY WERE SAFE, MADE TO FEEL WELCOME AND EQUAL TO OTHERS, AND, THAT IT FELT, HOMELY, WITH US."

- ST JOHNS KNOTTY ASH

"The best thing was the way families felt at coming in, sitting down and eating something good and being able to engage with other families. It also gave grown ups access to the food pantry which is normally only open in the mornings. A big difference as it's now well established and people look forward to it as a part of school holidays".

- St James with St Thomas Church

"Seeing all the children enjoy their fruits and activities and the gratitude from parents for being able to get out the house and catch up with friends. It gave everyone something to look forward to during the school holidays along with a chance to meet with friends and fellowship."

- St Pauls Goose Green

"We are in an area of significant deprivation. Offering food without trying to limit the amount they can eat is valuable, as is being welcoming to everyone.."

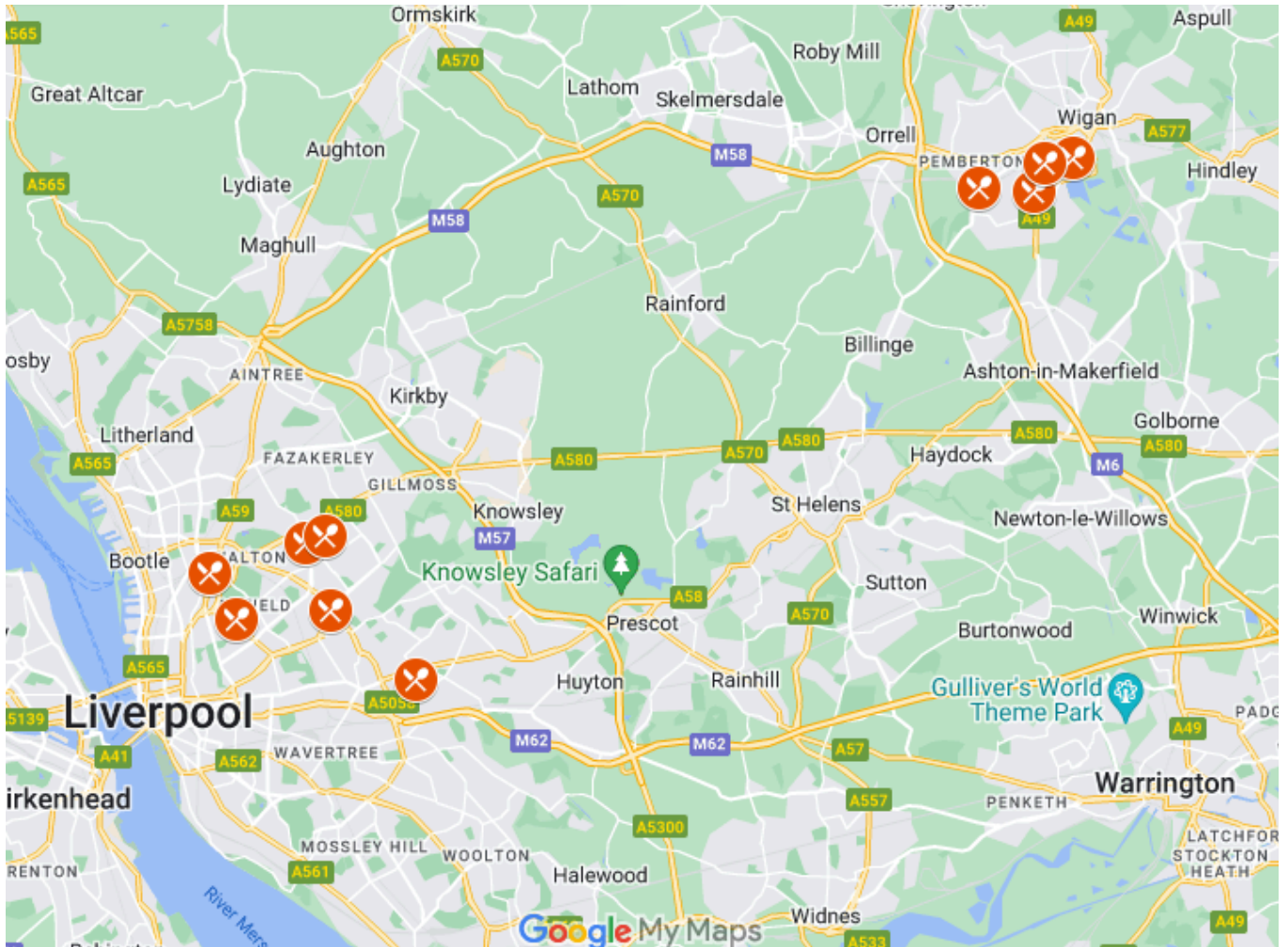
- Lighthouse Wigan West

"A DAY OF REAL JOY, BEING OUTSIDE AND HAVING FUN"

- PARTICIPANT

FEAST OF FUN

Mapped



10 NETWORK OF KINDNESS MEMBER CHURCHES HELD 10 FEAST OF FUN ACTIVITIES:

- St Paul's, Goose Green
- St John the Evangelist, Knotty Ash
- St Andrew's, Clubmoor
- Triple C, Norris Green
- Christ Church & Holy Trinity, Walton Breck
- Christ Church, Norris Green
- Shine & St Mathews, Wigan West
- St James with St Thomas, Wigan West
- North Liverpool & South Sefton Methodist Circuit
- Lighthouse, Wigan West



TOGETHER LIVERPOOL

About Us

Together Liverpool is a social justice charity working to equip churches, communities and charities across the Diocese of Liverpool area, to make a bigger difference to people's lives through social action. The Network of Kindness is our National Lottery supported initiative helping individuals, groups and organisations take their next step in social action.

We are a registered charity set up jointly by the Church Urban Fund and Diocese of Liverpool. Find out more about how to join the Network of Kindness, our Communities of Practice workshops, events and Learning Communities programme - visit: www.togetherliverpool.org.uk

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