

Involving Your Congregation in Community Outreach

A Presentation from St Mary's, Dunblane and Start Up Stirling

Start Up Stirling is a charity operating in Stirling providing

- Starter Packs to those being rehoused from homelessness so that they have basic household necessities
- Crisis foodbank provision
- Support services and mentoring

In getting your congregation involved you need

- At least one enthusiast

A personal commitment to some outreach ministry is a witness to other members of the congregation that this is not necessarily an exceptional part of a Christian life.

- Make an occasion to have a presentation on the project

People won't commit to what they don't understand

- Make minor involvement an ordinary part of congregational life

Giving to the foodbank is linked to the monthly Traidcraft Stall

There is a box at the back of church, visible and always available for donations

- Once it is ordinary it is easier to make big pushes

Harvest

Reverse Advent Calendar - You give something every day of Advent!

- Try to recruit more enthusiasts

Moving on you will find

- Not everyone feels called to every kind of outreach
- One established congregational outreach ministry does make it easier to institute others