

CREATE & SHARE

creating and learning together, sharing expertise and ideas

Create and Share has continued to meet on the second Thursday of the month from 09.30-15.30 except for our "Birthday workshop" which took place on the third Thursday of October. For our second birthday Mary McIntosh, a textile artist, taught us two methods of screen printing which we all enjoyed. Everyone brought food for a "Bring and Share lunch", the tables were beautifully set out which made the day even more of a special occasion. It was lovely to welcome both regular members of the group as well as friends who joined us for the first time.

We have enjoyed sharing a number of different workshops as well as "Free and Easy" days when we all catch up with unfinished projects. Workshops have included;- "Dress a girl around the world." Thanks to the many kind donations of fabric and threads from members of the church, we were able to send 14 dresses to the Diocese of Mt. Kenya Central with church members from All Saints Church, Melbourn on their visit in July 2015. The dresses were passed on to Annie Ng'ang'a , the president of the Mothers'Union who gave them to young girls in the community. We have continued to make dresses from time to time to send to an orphanage in Ethiopia through a Cambridge charity, FECIN, Friends of Ethiopian Children In Need which raises funds for The Elshadai Orphanage in Northern Ethiopia who provide homes and education for 160 homeless children.

There were two workshops for making Christmas decorations. At the November workshop, we made bunting using Christmas fabrics. In December, we printed Christmas designs on calico tote bags with Indian printing blocks and fabric dyes.

We made fabric bowls at our January workshop which involved a lot of patience and Bondaweb! There were no workshops in February and March due to illness and holidays.

Create and Share is open to everyone both in church or the local community. It's a lovely way of inviting friends to come to a church activity. You don't have to be an expert or even creative. There's a warm, friendly atmosphere where everyone helps each other. Please come and join us when you can.

Participants cover the cost of materials and refreshments through voluntary donations. We aim to give a warm welcome to anyone who comes to our group regardless of their creative ability or church/non-church background. In our 'Creating and Sharing', we attempt to "Gossip the Gospel" in being part of the Christian community in Great Shelford.