

# ST PANCRAS KNITTERS & KNIT A SQUARE

Newsletter April 2024



*Hi all you wonderful KAS St Pancras Knitters!*

Where is the time going?! Our first newsletter for 2024 and it's already nearing the end of April!

However!! We have all been busy knitting and we are now nearing our first hundred blankets of our next 1000!

1094 to be precise and by the time you read this probably a few more! We have also included in the parcels: handwarmers, hats and small cuddly toys.

Penny has continued to crochet blankets using chunky donated wool that we are unable to use for the squares, in order to support those in need locally. She has been able to donate these to The Dementia Ward at Mount Gould, The Soup Run, The Jasmine Mother's Recovery Centre at Trevi, and the Garage Project in Union Street. (Supporting the homeless). This brings her total of blankets donated so far to an amazing 250!



Donations of wool have continued to come in for which we are so grateful. Nothing is wasted!



Wednesday afternoons are a great time to get together, share and support one another not forgetting of course tea and biscuits and cake on birthdays! We had a fun afternoon before Easter with Easter buns, chocolate mini eggs, of course and Easter Bonnets. This also included a short time of reflection with a poem reminding us of the wonderful Christian message of Easter:

## **One Morning by Diane Riesen**

My work was done...The pain was through. I finished what I needed to  
My tired, worn and tortured flesh ...Was sealed up tight and put to rest.

The 'trial' my Father asked of Me as I hung suffering on that tree  
Was almost more than I could bare, I cried out to my Father there.

So many people laughed at Me; So many could not see  
The purpose for my suffering then and what I offered up for men.  
But I knew of a greater plan and how my death would save all 'man'  
And yet for three long days I stayed wrapped tight and sealed up in that grave.

Most people thought my time was done and that I would be gone.  
But on one early morning they learned that they were wrong!  
The stone was rolled back from my tomb and when they entered in the room  
They found an empty space instead; I was not gone...I was not dead  
My Father rose Me from the grave and blessings came from what I gave.  
Now all your souls can now be free. Just ask for Faith...and trust in Me.

*Amen*



## Now for News from South Africa

Join us on our 2024 Journey to Warm the Children in South Africa with Blankets, Beanies, and Hand- Warmers...Soft Cuddly Toys, too.



With The Barn relocating to a different area in Johannesburg there are ample opportunities for distributions to New-to-KAS Creches.

*Ronda adding completed blankets to the already nearly full shelves ready for distributions to start.*

*Winter is fast approaching. (...Some of our squares maybe?)*



*Blankets photographed and stacked on the shelves by Wandu 2 ... how blessed we are to have his cheerful presence in the Barn! AND he's the only one who can climb the ladder without becoming dizzy... the wonder of being young and strong!*



*Wandu packing the van*



*The first distribution in Thembisa on April 4th, A large informal settlement close to the new Barn*



There were 68 children in this creche and we were getting them prepared for a long cold winter.



The Wandis headed out to Thembisa again on April 11, and visited another Daycare to distribute blankets



Such happy faces



I wonder what these two are saying



Galaxy A32



## Now from Trish and Sue

Don't these pictures make it all worthwhile? We hope they inspire you and bring you joy! Remember every square counts! (And handwarmers and hats!) We can never express enough how much we value each one of you and are so grateful for all you do. It would not happen without you!

### Some tips to remember:

- Every square MUST be as close to 8 inches as possible or they will not join up with the others correctly.
- Please remember to sew in all ends and leave a 20" length of yarn when casting off. If possible, please butterfly as shown using contrasting yarn.



Otherwise, this happens



*So onwards!! We can do this can't we? 2000 here we come!!*

## FINALLY, A PRAYER...

Lord Jesus, what a privilege it is to be a part of this amazing work. We pray your blessing on the KAS team as they begin their first winter distributions in their new location. We pray for every child and those who seek to help them that your protection and love will surround them. Thank you for the gifts you have given us enabling us to contribute to their needs. We pray too for the folk in our own town who are desperate and lonely at this time. We pray Penny's blankets will bring comfort to them. In Jesus precious name we ask, Amen.



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