

## THURSDAY LIGHT LUNCH

As I had some scheduled time off work during the middle of March, I had the opportunity to make the Thursday lunch at Christ Church on 15th March. I have never previously been able to attend so this was the first one I had been to. I made my way up for 12noon and joined what Nigel refers to as 'The Choir Table' and it straight away became apparent it was going to get extremely busy, although there did look to be a good number of volunteers on hand to help. It was soup and sandwiches day this time so I chose the mushroom soup, home-made by Margery I believe, which was absolutely delicious and just what was needed on a cold March day. This was served with a selection of four different sandwiches, which were presented beautifully. Simnel cake and a mug of tea or coffee finished the meal off. Although described as a 'light lunch' I definitely felt I had been well fed afterwards.

This event was very popular and it was clear that the people who attend appreciate these lunches, not only for the meal, but the opportunity to socialise with others for a short time when they would perhaps not normally do so. There is no set charge for these lunches although a donation is always welcome. This month, being Lent, the donations were being given to the work of TearFund. Sadly, unless I can persuade Nigel to set up a base outside my office in Manchester City Centre, I doubt I will be able to attend on a regular basis. However I hope that my words here will encourage others to give it a try if you have not already done. I understand the lunch takes place on the Third Thursday of each month from 12noon to 1.30pm, with the next one being on 19th April. Thank you very much indeed to Nigel, Barbara and their team of hard working volunteers.

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