



JR Hospital Project

Members are involved in supporting parents whose children are in-patients at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

Children come from all over the diocese as well as from all over the UK. Some parents are lucky enough to be given a room in Ronald McDonald House which is situated in the grounds of the Hospital. Here, parents can sleep away from the noises of the wards, make drinks and meals and have some 'time out' whilst their child is having treatment. Other parents have a bed of some sort (mostly very short and narrow) beside their child but they too can have access to a Day Room at Ronald McDonald House where they can make drinks and meals.

Mothers' Union supports all the parents by providing items for them to use, whether they be given a room in the 'House' or stay on the wards and these items vary from year to year, so an updated list of these is published from time to time.

We also provide a small decorated fruit cake for each family who is staying at Ronald McDonald House over the Christmas period.

Historically, collections have been divided up amongst the Archdeaconries through the year:

South Bucks: March /April

North Bucks: May/ June

Oxfordshire: July/August

East Berkshire: September/October

West Berkshire: November/December

However, I am more than happy to collect at any time as I know storage can be a problem for branch leaders who have been given things and then they need their spare room for a visitor! Please email me on hospitalproject@muoxford.org.uk and I will arrange to collect as soon as possible.

Please make sure that you look at the current list of items before you begin collecting as they do change each year.

The Chaplaincy Team also use knitted white shawls (no bigger than 24inches square) for baptising small children in an emergency (the shawl is given to the parents as a keepsake). At the moment, no in person baptisms are being carried out (Zoom is being used) but do look out for a future request in the Enews and Focus.

Around the Diocese, branches collect items for their local hospitals for emergency admissions too.

Alison Bennett Spring 2022

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Items required for 2022

Toiletries – Mini –sized: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, body lotion.

Toothbrushes and sample sized toothpaste.

Combs.

Small packets of tissues.

These will be made up into bags for parents (each bag will contain one of each of the above items). **Please do not send anything which has been used or opened!**

Shaving kits – either ready made (from airlines and hotels) or a razor and a small shaving foam (it is helpful when you donate the same number of razors and shaving foam).

Coffee – Instant coffee in jars or tins

Chocolate and Horlicks – Jars or tins please

Dishwashing products – Any product please

Household Cleaning products – Any product please