

Reaching Out



Charity no. 512992



Dear Supporter,

We hope you are all well as we welcome spring after a cold and very wet winter. April sees us move into a new financial year but it would be remiss of me to not look back on an extremely busy last few months of the 25/26 financial year.

We had a wonderful response from schools to our Reverse Advent campaign. In total we estimate that thirty-six tonnes of food had been donated and distributed across the Archdiocese. In addition, parishes and corporates ensured that every child and their siblings, we work with, received a gift at Christmas. Amazing to see Social Action in action on such a scale.

One of our focus areas currently, is on the recruitment of new Foster Carers. At any time, there are over 100,000 children and young people across the U.K. in need of support. Fostering can also provide a valuable second income. If you, or any of your friends and family would like to know more, join us on the evening of 21st May to meet the team and join us online to learn more. Contact newroutes@fatherhudsons.org.uk or call 01675 434025 for the link.

We have recently partnered with over two hundred other charities in joining the Unity Lottery. A well-established charity partner. For a minimum of £1 per week stake, you are in with a chance to win a weekly jackpot of £25,000 plus other weekly prizes, at **no** cost to Father Hudsons, as 50% of all entry fees are returned to us, with the other 50% going out in prizes. To sign up simply follow the Link <https://www.unitylottery.co.uk/causes/father-hudsons-care/>

Our beautiful St. Josephs Care Home here in Coleshill, is now taking reservations for Respite Care. We also have vacancies in the home for full-time residential care. Simply call Shelley Perryman on 01675 434500 to find out more.

To keep up to date with everything that's happening please follow us on our social media channels.



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Schools Lenten Fundraising

Our Schools team visited over 40 schools during Lent to offer assemblies and workshops. Schools have been fundraising for us through various activities including car washes, non-uniform days, cake sales and more, with the Holy Trinity and Our Lady of the Magnificat MAC raising £42,778!



Ultra Marathon!

Mr Austin, a PE teacher from St Augustine's in Redditch, is taking on the Mid Wales Wild Horse 200. He will be running 200 miles over 5 days. Mr Austin has already reached his fundraising target of £1,000! We wish him the best of luck for this incredible challenge.

Scan to donate



Easter across Father Hudson's

Residents had a visit from the Easter bunny, enjoyed an egg hunt and had a cupcake decorating competition which was won by Bungalow 2!



St Catherine's Bungalows

St Joseph's Care Home

Laura and Tia delivered Easter eggs to our care home residents and Ruby Wing won the Easter bonnet competition with this beautiful creation.



Young at Heart

Our Young at Heart groups celebrated with Easter bonnet crafting, a shared buffet and Easter quizzes.



Domiciliary Care and Supported Living

Karen organised an Easter egg hunt for John, Neil and Peter, with Peter designing the poster. They enjoyed the hunt, which promoted socialisation, exercise and fun!



Congratulations to Henry Joy!

Henry has been officially appointed as Brushstrokes Project Manager after serving as interim manager since April 2025.

Henry said, *"I'm thrilled to be able to carry on supporting the amazing work at Brushstrokes. This team are the most talented, compassionate and hard-working group of individuals I have ever had the pleasure of working with and I feel very grateful to be able to do what I do. Thanks so much for the continued support of the Brushstrokes and Father Hudson's teams."*



West Midlands Multibank celebrates 1st anniversary

West Midlands Multibank is a partnership between BVSC, Amazon and other community partners which aims to donate surplus goods to charities and community partners. Our Family Support Manager, Zena, and Caroline from Tabor Living

attended the first anniversary celebration event. Both have benefitted from goods from the Multibank, which has helped families and people experiencing homelessness. It was great to see Brendan O'Driscoll who manages the West Midlands Multibank service and was a previous FHC employee at St Chad's Sanctuary.

Zena and Caroline are pictured with Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Zafar Iqbal MBE

From all of us at Tabor Living Birmingham we want to celebrate and thank you for an incredible year of impact. Over the past 12 months, Multibank powered by the generosity and partnership of Amazon and the BVSC - has made an extraordinary difference to charities like ours across the Midlands. Your support ensures that people experiencing homelessness can access essential items that bring dignity, comfort, and stability at a time when they need it most. For our guests at Tabor House and Tabor Living, these resources go far beyond practical help - they are a reminder that people care. Your work is invaluable to the entire charity sector, and we are deeply grateful for your continued commitment to helping those most vulnerable in our communities.

First Opportunities Fair at St Martin's Bullring

Tabor Living attended the first Opportunities Fair held at St Martin's alongside our partner charity St Chad's Sanctuary. The event was organised by members of Birmingham Christian Homeless Forum, and funded by Birmingham Municipal Charity. Father Hudson's was the named charity applicant to secure funding for this collaboration.

The event was also attended by Crisis, Standing Tall, and Paul Powell from Aspect Housing Ltd.

Left to right in photo Revd Dr Neil Johnson, The Church at Carr's Lane, Abigail Martin, St Chad's Sanctuary and Caroline Gorman, Tabor Living.



UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY
21

BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY
AS A FOSTER CARER

JUNE
23

OPEN YOUR HEART AND
HOME THROUGH
FOSTERING

ONLINE

6.30 – 7.30PM

Register your interest:
newroutes@fatherhudsons.org.uk

Fostering Information Sessions

New Routes Fostering are holding online information sessions to find out more about fostering.

Social workers from our team will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about fostering.

To join the sessions contact New Routes on:



01675 434025



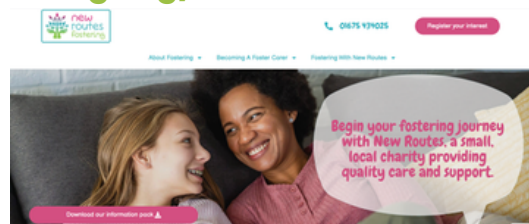
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<https://newroutesfostering.org/>



We have a brand new website! Head to the web address or scan the QR code above to see our brand new look.



Want to work with us?

Come along to our recruitment open day to find out more about working in adult care.

It's a great chance to:

- **Meet the team**
- **Explore options**
- **Make connections**

Register for a guaranteed interview



Recruitment Open Day Adult Care



**13
June
2026**

**10am until 3pm
St Georges House
B46 3FG**



Save the Date: Thursday 9th July 1-4pm



Father Hudson's Caritas Open Day

On Thursday 9th July 2026 we will be showcasing the work of Father Hudson's Caritas at our Coleshill Head Office.

Save the date if you would like to come along and find out more about what we do.

Father Hudson's Caritas

St George's House

Gerards Way

Coleshill

B46 3FG

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