

# Hospitality Ministry Report

December 2025

Dear LargsNaz Family,

It has been an exciting and blessed year for the Hospitality Ministry! We are grateful to everyone who has prayed for this ministry, supported it with time and resources, and joined us in extending kindness to our neighbours through cooking, baking, serving, and sharing meals together.

Three years ago, in response to the energy crisis facing our community, we began Common Ground—a weekly warm space held each Thursday. What started as an offering of warmth, soup, homemade rolls, and hot drinks soon grew into something more. Sensing a need to serve families and children more intentionally, we expanded to offer a full dinner buffet from 4:00-5:30pm, with a suggested donation of £2 for adults while children eat free.

The response has been tremendous! Most Thursdays, we welcome 30-50 neighbours—young and old alike—who gather around communal tables right here in our sanctuary to share a meal and fellowship. There is something wonderful about breaking bread together, and we've witnessed countless moments of connection and community being woven at these tables. This year alone, we hosted thirty-three Common Ground community meals, made possible by the generosity of our church family as well as community donors and support from the Largs Community Council Access to Food group.

Since 2023, we've partnered with our local Co-op as their foodshare partner, collecting abundant surplus food each evening that would otherwise go to waste. This food is lovingly transformed—preserved for community meals, prepared as freeze-dried meals, or made available through our hospitality fridge. Through this partnership, we've rescued thousands of tonnes of nutritious food. We remain deeply grateful to our friends at the Co-op for this opportunity to be good stewards of community resources.

Beyond our weekly ministries, I've been privileged to serve in several community roles this year, including participation in the PB Funding Review Board, serving on the Largs Green Futures committee, Largs Community Counsel Access to Food committee, chair of Largs District Churches Together, and serving on our local Foodbank committee as well as working monthly shifts at the Foodbank. Each of these opportunities allows us to build relationships, strengthen community bonds and demonstrate practical care throughout our community.

Last year, we significantly enhanced our food preservation capabilities with the addition of a freeze dryer. This tool has proven to be a tremendous blessing, enabling us to create nutritious, shelf-stable meals that require only water to prepare—perfect for emergencies and community outreach. This year, we've provided wholesome freeze-dried meal parcels to the local foodbank, BEC Bus Ministry, the Resilience team, and individuals throughout our community.

The children at Wanderful World Forest School have especially enjoyed our healthy freeze-dried vegetable snacks (the cauliflower is a particular favourite!). Additionally, the ability to

preserve surplus food from our foodshare programme helps us stretch resources further and significantly offset costs of our hospitality ministries.

Advent has been an especially meaningful season for our Hospitality Ministry. During Yuletide, we opened our doors wide, offering warmth, delicious soup, Mexican burritos, and hot chocolate to around 50 people who stopped by.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for our seventh annual Largs Community Christmas Day Dinner, to be held in the Dunn Memorial Hall. Twenty wonderful volunteers gathered on November 22nd to plan this special celebration, and we're grateful for those who will spend their Christmas Day serving alongside us, sharing love and hospitality with our community. This ministry is made possible through the generous support of our LargsNaz family, local friends, the Largs Community Council Access to Food group, Largs Co-op, the Stakis Foundation, Morrisons Largs, and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul.

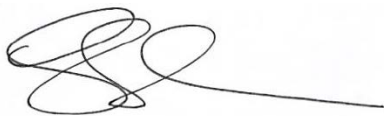
While this report highlights special events and programmes, the heart of our Hospitality Ministry beats week in and week out through the faithful servants who prepare our sanctuary for worship, serve refreshments with warm smiles, and clean up afterwards with cheerful hearts. I'm endlessly grateful for each person who makes Sunday morning—and every LargsNaz ministry—a welcoming expression of care.

To everyone who has supported this ministry through prayer, cooking, baking, packaging, cleaning, donating, and delivering—thank you. Your faithfulness continues to open doors for us to share Christ's love through radical hospitality with our neighbours throughout Largs and beyond. Thanks be to God!

We invite your continued prayers as we seek creative ways to share love and create welcoming, safe spaces where all can experience fellowship around the table. We're excited to see what the year ahead holds for this ministry.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pastor Tasha Alison**  
Chair, Hospitality Ministry

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