

Dear Friends,

Our community is known for its generosity. We strive for inclusiveness, compassion and care for all and hope that if someone is in need of help that they can turn to us for assistance.

With this in mind, we are pleased to announce that we have set up a Lovlist as a way of harnessing your generosity and coordinating our community's help and pastoral care. The Lovlist will operate in a practical way, assisting specifically, those in need or in crisis. Assistance may include preparing family meals, providing emergency childcare, or helping out with ironing or housework.

What is a Lovlist?

A Lovlist is list of volunteers. It is a way for our community to come together to share our time and our talents to lighten the load for those in need. It is a pool of people that can be called on to help at short notice, if and when the need arises.

How does it work?

A Lovlist operates like a roster to give assistance when and where it is needed within the community.

- People nominate themselves to join the list by completing the attached form.
- The Lovlist coordinator compiles a list of volunteers made up from the forms returned.
- Volunteers are sent a link to an online roster. Each week (month?) volunteers are asked to check the Lovlist roster and to nominate themselves for tasks as required. Some weeks may be busy but other weeks there may be no help needed and indeed some time may pass before your assistance is required. Just being on call is important.

Please remember that anonymity and privacy must always be respected. It can be difficult to ask for help and nobody wants to be the subject of gossip. Sometimes you may not know the story or the identity of those you are helping, but please know that your help is greatly appreciated.

The Lovlist will be updated at the start of each year. As our lives are forever changing, please feel free to come and go on or off the list at any time throughout the year. Ideally this will enable the contribution to be shared amongst our community.

Be sure to visit Lovlist online, which has been set up to help caring communities like our own. The website has some fabulous resources for people in times of need and for those seeking ways to help.

Thank you for all that you do for our community and for your support of this exciting initiative.

Kind regards,

Community leader

