

# ST PANCRAS KNITTERS & KNIT A SQUARE

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*Hi all you wonderful KAS St Pancras Knitters!*

Hope you are all OK and ready for yet another bumper year knitting squares, hats and handwarmers to send to the vulnerable and orphaned 'Street Children' in South Africa.

We did well last year with our total blankets sent since we first started up until the end of December 2024 now standing at **1186!**

We have already reached **1194** since restarting in January! Penny also sent a further **106** blankets in 2024 to local places of need, such as the 'Soup Run' supporting the homeless in Plymouth and the Dementia Ward in Mount Gould hospital. (Patients often become attached to their blanket while they are there and this allows them to take them home when they are ready to leave!).

Thank you too to Jenny who made so many pairs of handwarmers! Joan also blessed us with handwarmers, hats and little soft toys to include in the parcels!



This picture and comment have just appeared in the latest newsletter from KAS in South Africa!

*"Trish Gribble and St Pancras Knitters ...  
LOVELY parcels received. This is only one of  
them".*

What a wonderful team we are, including all of you in the community who are so generous in helping us with squares, donations etc! We really do appreciate every contribution whether it be squares, donations to help with postage, donations of wool or bubble wrap.

**We desperately need more bubble wrap if anyone has any. We try not to buy it because it's plastic, so prefer to reuse if possible.)** It means we can squeeze more into the parcel and still meet the size requirement for posting.

So...let's keep up the good work and see what we can achieve this coming year! Remember every blanket means a child is kept warm and knows they are thought of with love.



*“Christmas is the season to be giving and I don’t know anyone better at that than Knit-a-square!*

*Here’s some red white and green Christmas cheer - Estelle, ma Lizzy and her merry band and I spread in the Lion Park informal settlement.*

*So blessed to be a link in a chain of caring hearts from 70 countries around the globe, giving blankets, soft toys, beanies and handwarmers to children in disadvantaged communities within our reach, to bring a little warmth and a whole lot of colour, creativity, comfort and care.”*



The photos below show Ronda, Wandi and the team getting to work sorting parcels that have just arrived! The shelves are filling up after the Christmas break. All ready for the GoGos and team to sew together.



*“Distributions will hopefully start soon. It’s still high summer here and rather hot with the odd electrical storm to cool us down for a while ... before it all builds up all over again.”*

## DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL:

*'My squares aren't very exciting'.*

*'I only do plain knitting'.*

*'Others do far better than I can'.*

## WELL, THINK AGAIN!

A POEM WRITTEN BY ANNE POWELL,  
A MEMBER OF THE KAS TEAM.

### THE "PLAIN JANE SQUARE"

I'm just a 'plain Jane' square

Nothing fancy, nothing grand!

Just a 'plain Jane' square,

Made by a loving hand.

You think I'm not important?

Well, think again, my friend!

'Cause many other 'plain Janes'

When they're joined end to end

Will keep an orphan warm at night,

Wrap 'round them on cold days,

And tell them that they're loved

In, oh, so many ways!



*Notice how beautifully the blankets, once sewn together, have been crocheted around the edge. Also, even the duller colours look lovely once joined together!)*



*Doesn't this make it all worthwhile?*



## Now from Trish and Sue

As always it is difficult to find the words to express our thanks to everyone for all your love and commitment to this wonderful cause. Please know that we value each and everyone of you. The expressions on the faces of these little ones when they receive their blankets is a joy to behold and we hope it inspires you to keep going!



## FINALLY, A PRAYER...

*Lord Jesus:*

*We come to you with heavy hearts when we see how difficult life is for these children but we thank you for giving us gifts to enable us to offer love, care, and warmth to them. We pray they will grow to understand your love for them, which is far greater than we could ever offer. We pray for the team in South Africa and ask that you would bless them in abundance as they work so hard to reach these little ones in need. We pray too for the folk in our own town who are desperate and lonely at this time, especially with the cold and wet weather we have been experiencing. We pray that the blankets and other donations given to them will bring at least a little comfort. In Jesus precious name we ask Amen.*

