

East Northants Community Services (ENCS) –

December 2017 update

Also serving the district through the East Northants Faith Group (ENFG)

(Registered Charity Number 1154210)



The Cornerstone Café is held in the Full Gospel Church on Monday and Thursday mornings from 9.30 - 12.00.

Wanted: volunteers to help run the café: chefs and people to co-ordinate each morning. Details from Helen Allan on 07871 999020 and at helen.allan@encs.org.uk.

A CAP (Christians Against Poverty) money course will be taking place in the next few weeks, in the form of one session lasting two to three hours in Rushden. More details next month. Sara Owst has more details at sara.owst@encs.org.uk.

Oundle Foodbank

started earlier this year and is open 2 to 3pm every Tuesday at the Methodist Church. Clients exchange a Foodbank voucher for an emergency food parcel to feed their household for three days. Vouchers are issued at job centres, Homes Direct, Oundle Children's Action, St Peter's Church and Oundle Baptist Church/No 1 St Osyth's Lane. As well as food and a warm welcome, information and signposting is available to local and national services. Volunteers are needed – please contact 07914722126 or oundlefoodbank@gmail.com

“Trapped or Transformed? - Christian leadership in the context of St John's Ambulance”

– will be the subject of a talk taking place from 7 for 7.30pm on Monday 22nd January 2018 at the Church of St Columba and the Northern Saints, Studfall Avenue, Corby, NN17 1LG. The speaker will be **Rodney Green** – former Prior of St John's, England and former CEO Leicester City Council. He is likely to include the following topics:

- Managing volunteers
- Turning round a Christian organisation
- Awakening a giant
- Being at the mercy of factors beyond your control
- Different shades of Christianity
- Professionalism
- Ensuring relevance

All are welcome to this meeting of Peterborough Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship. Andrew Presland (contact details as below) has more details.

Thinking of volunteering to help get people active?

Freedom Leisure is working with East Northamptonshire Council to devise, develop and implement a brand new active community outreach programme. If you'd like to get involved, or want to find out more, please contact Emma Sylvester on 07702 859553 or emma.sylvester@freedom-leisure.co.uk.

Please contact Andrew Presland at andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com or by phone on 01933 316927 if you would like any more information on anything mentioned on this sheet.

East Northants Faith Group (ENFG) Leaders' Lunches

Following the Community Leaders' Lunch on Wednesday 25th October on **mental health and wellbeing**, the slides used by Rev Philip Evans and a link to the wording used in his talk, as set out on his blog, can be seen at <http://enfg.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing-discussed-east-northants/>

The next leaders' lunch:

Cllr Colin Wright, Chairman of East Northants District Council will be talking on the **'Beauty of the Nene Valley'** on Wednesday 14th February 2018: 11.30am for 12 noon. There will also be networking opportunities and short talks on practical ways of promoting local tourism and the use of community buildings. Venue details to follow.

Consultation is taking place on Rushden's Neighbourhood Plan, until 4pm this coming Monday 18th December 2017. This provides an opportunity to comment on the need for community involvement in the Rushden East development, if wished.

It can be viewed at <http://www.rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk/rushden-neighbourhood-plan.html>

Job vacancy at the Salvation Army Community Centre Manager, Rushden.

Closing date: 7th January 2018. For further details and to apply please visit www.salvationarmy.org.uk/jobs

Refugee Support

The next East Northants Refugee Support Group meeting will be taking place at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th March – venue to be announced later.

Lara Hamer is part of a team from the University of Northampton which is already working in several ways with refugees and asylum seekers within the county. She would like to introduce her work to other community groups within East Northamptonshire. She can be contacted by email on hator0703@gmail.com.

Local charity **Jungle Care** has noticed a significant drop in donations both in clothes and cash. It has a fairly regular bulk supply of dried fruit & nuts but is concerned that it will not be able to afford to take it over. It desperately need warm, clean clothes to take but even more importantly we need cash to be able to continue our aid. If anyone can help with this, please contact trudieray@msn.com.

Breakfasts will be provided on Christmas Day (8.30 to 10am) at the College Street Centre in Irthlingborough for anyone who would otherwise be alone then, and who would like a bit of food and/or company. There is no charge. More details are available from Emma - 07557641537 or Hannah – 07722843821

Happy Christmas from ENCS – and best wishes for 2018!