

# East Northants Community Services (ENCS) – January 2018 update

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

(Registered Charity Number 1154210)



**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. Sara Owst has more details at [sara.owst@encs.org.uk](mailto:sara.owst@encs.org.uk).

A short **ENCS promotional video**, encouraging volunteering and giving is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlARIJSyS8o&t=6s>. Please feel free to use it, and to forward it to others.

### Thanks for the funding...

The ENCS trustees express thanks for the following grants that it was awarded during 2017:

- East Northants Council – Counselling: £2,500
- East Northants Council – Recovery House: £5,000
- East Northants Council – Sanctuary: £5,000
- East Northants Council – SWEP\*: £2,000
- Gordon Trust – Recovery House: £2,212
- NCF\*\* - Compton Fund – Recovery House: £4,424
- as well as for just over £20,000 received during 2017 in donations from groups and individuals.

\* Severe Weather Emergency Protocol

\*\* Northamptonshire Communities Foundation

### Talking of economic development

(as we are in the Leaders' Lunch text box)... several publications looking at

#### wealth creation from a Christian perspective

have been published recently, including at

[https://www.wordonthestreets.net/Articles/509186/Wealth\\_creation\\_and.aspx](https://www.wordonthestreets.net/Articles/509186/Wealth_creation_and.aspx).

Also, fifty interviews with Christian entrepreneurs have been summarized and written up at Ridley Hall, Cambridge in the book “**A Voice to be Heard: Christian entrepreneurs living out their faith**” by Richard

Higginson and Kina Robertshaw, available from Amazon: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/review/R37T4UHXFQR2E8/ref=pe\\_1572281\\_66412651\\_cm\\_rv\\_eml\\_rv0\\_rv](https://www.amazon.co.uk/review/R37T4UHXFQR2E8/ref=pe_1572281_66412651_cm_rv_eml_rv0_rv)

A bit closer to home, although a report at

<http://stateofsmallbiz.com/east-northamptonshire> shows limited help for small businesses in the district (with no ‘accelerators’ or ‘incubators’), East Northants Council says in its economic development strategy that it is intending to set up an incubator hub to help entrepreneurs.

Can local faith and community groups do more to help budding business men or women (or boys or girls) living in their local area to generate wealth and create jobs locally?

### “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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

## East Northants Faith Group (ENFG) Leaders' Lunches

**At 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, at Thrapston Baptist Church (off Huntingdon Road, and accessible from Sackville Street, near the Thrapston Co-op).

There will also be **networking opportunities** and several related very **short talks** including from Greg MacDonald and Karen Williams (East Northants Council **tourism and economic development**), Julie Thorneycroft (**promoting Rushden, Higham Ferrers and Rushden Lakes**), Ben Smith (**community use of church buildings**), Kate Dent (the **Northamptonshire Surprise website**) and James Miller (**promoting historic churches**). More details to follow.



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### Job vacancy: the Nene Valley

Methodist Circuit is looking for a

**Young People and Families Worker (full-time)**. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 19th January. A job description and more details are available at [www.nenevalleymethodistcircuit.org.uk](http://www.nenevalleymethodistcircuit.org.uk) or [john.jmhoyle@btinternet.com](mailto:john.jmhoyle@btinternet.com).

### The next East Northants Refugee Support Group meeting

will be taking place at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th March – at Rushden Full Gospel Church.

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