

East Northants Community Services (ENCS) – February 2018 update
Also serving the district through the East Northants Faith Group (ENFG)

(Registered Charity Number 1154210)



**JOB VACANCY: ENCS – Support
Northamptonshire –
Website Coordinator - Sanctuary Night Shelter**

We are currently offering a 6-month contract looking for someone who can Implement a data system (provided by Ulysees) update our website and support our Night Shelter (daytime only). 16 -20 hours per week and based in Rushden Night Shelter. Details from Helen Allan Operations Manager, ENCS. Phone 07871 999020 or email helen.allan@encs.org.uk.

The **CAP (Christians Against Poverty) money management course** is available from ENCS. Sara Owst has more details at sara.owst@encs.org.uk.

Diary date:

The **ENCS Annual General Meeting** will be taking place in the church hall of St Peter the Apostle (Roman Catholic) Church, Rushden, from 7.30pm on Monday 30th April. All welcome – more details later.

East Northants Faith Group (ENFG) Leaders' Lunch

Almost thirty people attended the latest lunch, where Cllr Colin Wright, Chairman of East Northants District Council spoke on the **'Beauty of the Nene Valley'**

There were also short talks from Karen Williams (East Northants Council tourism), Alison Cross (Nenescape project), Julie Thorneycroft (promoting Rushden, Higham Ferrers and Rushden Lakes), Ben Smith (community use of church buildings), Kate Dent (the Northamptonshire Surprise website), Su Davies (funding sources), Andrew Presland (heritage research projects) and James Miller (promoting historic churches).

A **note of the talks, with further information** is at: <http://enfg.org.uk/beauty-nene-valley-notes-leaders-lunch/>

Wanted – Police Chaplains in Northamptonshire

Northants Police is inviting people to consider becoming police chaplains. This is not just for Christians or authorised ministers: lay people with the right pastoral skill set are also very welcome to apply.

This is an incarnational ministry, getting alongside people, and being a safe listening ear. It is not, therefore, an opportunity to proselytise or attempt to convert or to speak out about faith. The commitment is for 2 hours a week at one location (although of course it is recognised that "real life" can knock that commitment off course from time to time); all reasonable expenses are paid with mileage paid at 45p per mile. There is a requirement to attend a one day training course within the first year and there are fellowship and training mornings about three times a year which chaplains are encouraged to attend. Anyone wishing to apply to become a police chaplain has to undergo full vetting (this is more than enhanced DBS) and must be prepared to disclose all relevant information in order for this to be achieved.

More details are available in the leaflet at **POLICE CHAPLAINCY LEAFLET**

Church in Action

The results of the latest survey of Church of England clergy on social action are at <https://www.cuf.org.uk/church-in-action-2017>. To give a taster, one of its main findings is that the proportion of incumbents regarding mental health to be a 'major' or 'significant' problem in their local area has increased from 40% in 2011 to 60% in 2017.

CELEBRATING
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celebrating the 10th anniversary

**The Sanctuary
Night Shelter, Rushden**

Saturday, 31 March
2.00-6.00pm
at the Full Gospel Church
60 High Street South, Rushden

BBQ cakes and teas TOMBOLA
Bouncy Castle REPTILE DISPLAY egg hunt
Cumbrian Egg Dumping
presentations of 10 years of the Sanctuary
and much more!

EAST NORTHANTS
COMMUNITY SERVICES

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 or by phone on 01933 316927 if you would like any more information on anything mentioned on this sheet.