

ENCS NEWS

ENCS is hosting a **sleep out/over** kindly being organised by Steph, one of our volunteers.

When? Friday 25th January 2019.

Where? The car park of the Full Gospel Church, Rushden

Why? To raise awareness of those who sadly have no home of their own and to raise funds for The Sanctuary Nightshelter in Rushden so that we may support those who are struggling with this and many more issues.

Support us by joining the sleep out or sponsoring one of our brave friends and volunteers who will be braving the cold. Please contact Steph by email:

sleepout@encs.org.uk.

Christmas fundraising meal: coming soon:
look out for more info on this popular event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the Sanctuary Night Shelter

– people are needed urgently for the sleeping night shift (10pm to 9am). Helen Allan has more details - 07871999020.

ENCS ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Rebecca Rowley is now employed part-time as our **Social Media Manager** (on a three month trial period), having previously been a volunteer. Please contact Rebecca if you have any relevant information or suggestions for promoting the work of ENCS (rebeccarowley90@gmail.com).

A MESSAGE FROM FRIENDS OF REFUGEES – EAST NORTHANTS...

WANTED – A HOUSE: we are trying to find a house in the Rushden area (e.g. Rushden, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Raunds) to accommodate a refugee family that has already been allocated to East Northants under the Syrian Vulnerable Person's Resettlement Scheme.

If we find one (and arrange for it to be made habitable, if it needs work), East Northants Council staff would be content to do nearly all the other organizing and managing of finances etc, learning from on work they did a few months ago with a church in Oundle to accommodate a family there, including seeking agreement from NCC - where the main need is to ensure that there's schooling provision.

The aim would be to have a five year tenancy agreement, and for the landlord to receive the housing benefit income (which was £123.58 per week in 2017 if 3 beds and £164.79 if 4 beds), including for 8 weeks before the family arrives, paid retrospectively.

If you have such a property, know of one that someone else who might such a property (e.g. a private sector landlord), **please get in touch with Andrew Presland initially by replying to this email, or phoning or texting him on 07943 307873.**

Just across the council border in Wellingborough, **an exhibition on the theme of "Refugees, Exile and Migration"** is now open at The Castle in the upstairs foyer. The works are from adults and children. The opening hours are: Monday to Friday 10am to 6pm; Saturdays 10am to 5pm. They are also open some evenings when there is a show on: check with the box office 01933 270 007.

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

The next **East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch** will take place from 11.30am for 12 noon on Wednesday 21st November at the Frontier Centre near Irthlingborough, looking at different types of faith-based social action projects, with Ross Hendry (Spurgeons CEO), Mark Lees (Rushden Full Gospel Church), Julia Smith (Head of Customer & Community Services, East Northants Council) as guest speakers. As usual, it will include a buffet lunch and an opportunity for networking. No charge, but a £5 donation will be suggested on the day.

Details from Andrew Presland on 01933 316927 or at

andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com

Tickets can be booked at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/east-northants-community-leaders-lunch-putting-faith-into-action-tickets-51439177966>

A COUPLE OF FORTHCOMING CHURCH-BASED EVENTS:

The next **MoMENTum 3 conference organised by the Northants Christian Men's Network** takes place on Saturday 27th October at the Frontier Centre near Irthlingborough. Please see the *attached* poster and the link to ticket site: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/date/551497>.

'**The God Particle**' – a scientist and a vicar walk into a bar... - a Christian-based romantic comedy play with a hint of sci-fi written by James Cary. Tour dates are available at <https://www.thegodparticleplay.com> – including at Woodside Church, Bedford on Friday 2nd November.

WORKING FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COMMUNITIES

The Loving Northampton Church leaders invited Debra Green from **Redeeming Our Communities (ROC)** to preach at the end of their Loving Northampton month initiative in June. There was then discussion about having a ROC conversation with representatives of Churches, faith organisations, Police, local authorities to discuss how we can better work together for the good of our communities. The Christian Police Association in Northants also helped promote this idea and as a consequence there is an event from 7 to 9pm Wednesday 21st November at the Saints Rugby Ground. Places are going very quickly: www.roc.uk/northants. Please spread the word to any other Christian organisation.

A Facebook event can be found on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/468165940371726/>

JOB VACANCY - SPURGEONS

Christian charity Spurgeons is seeking to fill a vacancy for an Executive and Board Assistant, based at its Rushden Office. The closing date for applications is Sunday 28th October with interviews scheduled for Thursday 8th November. More details are available at

<http://encs.org.uk/executive-board-assistant-job-vacancy-at-spurgeons-rushden/>

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.