

## NEWS FROM ENCS

### HELLO TO JO

ENCS are delighted to announce the appointment of a new operations manager, **Jo Burns**.



Jo Burns joins us from a national children's education charity, Beanstalk, bringing experience and passion for charity growth and development, with particular knowledge of volunteering. Having grown up and lived in Northamptonshire, she is excited about the new challenge of supporting those in most in need, closer to home and working with a passionate and committed team.



### ...AND GOODBYE TO HELEN

We wish a long and happy retirement to Helen Allan, our first ever Operations Manager, who has done so much to put ENCS on to a firm footing and build up the strong team that Jo will now be managing.

**WANTED:** Volunteers are particularly needed for the Night Shelter (especially night shifts) and the Cornerfield Café on Monday and Thursday mornings. Items of food for the Night shelter would be helpful, plus coffee, sugar, UHT milk, toilet rolls, household cleaning products. More details: Jo Burns at [jo.burns@encs.org.uk](mailto:jo.burns@encs.org.uk) or on 01933 733001.

Bag packing at Tesco, Wellingborough on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February raised £149 for the Night Shelter. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

We would appreciate donations towards new beds for the volunteers who stay overnight. Alternatively, it costs us £7 per week to provide a daily hot meal for each resident. We would therefore be delighted if people could contribute £7 to feed a resident for a week.

## NOW RECRUITING: WELLINGBOROUGH STREET PASTORS

Street pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who are usually on patrol from 10pm to 4am on a Saturday night to care for, listen to and help people who are out on the streets. They are part of a national team first pioneered in 2003, and Street Pastors continues to grow throughout the UK and across the world. Wellingborough's Street Pastors developed out of the Rushden Street Pastors in 2013.

They are led by a local coordinator and also have support from local churches and community groups in partnership with the police, local council and other statutory agencies. If you are interested in finding out more about our work, or are interested in becoming a Street Pastor, please contact us by email at

[wellingborough@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:wellingborough@streetpastors.org.uk)

<https://streetpastors.org/locations/wellingborough/>

## LEADERS' LUNCH – COMING SOON

The next **East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch** will take place from 11.30am on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at the Frontier Centre near Irthlingborough.

As well as a buffet lunch and networking opportunities, there will be a talk on community involvement from Rev Helen Cameron (Methodist Area Chair for Northamptonshire and Leicestershire) and probably one or two other short talks too. More details to follow.

## Update from ROC (Redeeming Our Communities)



The working groups were set up by those present at the first meeting of the Raunds & Rushden area Action Group on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, doing work on **family support, elderly isolation and youth engagement**. Others are welcome to get involved too: details from Nick Amis on 07979 366654. Everyone is also welcome to the next meeting of the action group, at 7pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Rushden Salvation Army lower hall.

## The Germinate Lecture 2019

- one of the main national events for rural churches – will be taking place on our doorstep: **Salt, Light and Feet of Clay: celebrating the ministry of lay people:** with George Dunn CEO, Tenant Farmers' Association on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-2pm. £15 until 31 March then £20 (including refreshments and lunch). At the John Kirkham Hall King's Park Conference and Sports Centre, King's Park Road, Northampton, NN3 6LL: <http://germinate.net/training/germinate-leadership/germinate-leadership-lecture/>.

*To get a flavour of the lecture...*

*"Often when we think about church and leadership we think immediately of clergy of various descriptions. But what about head teachers, office managers, newspaper editors, financial controllers, magistrates, farm managers, school governors, youth football coaches, scout leaders and chief executives? In rural, suburban and urban communities across the UK, congregations are peppered with individuals such as these with spheres of influence that may never be touched by traditional forms of leadership within our churches."*

## Promoting tourism locally

### The Destination Nene Valley Annual Tourism

**Conference** will be taking place at Stanwick Lakes on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April (4.30pm onwards). This should be a useful event for those wanting to promote church tourism and related activities in East Northants. Details at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/destination-nene-valley-annual-tourism-conference-tickets-55400794267?aff=eac2>

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