

HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM ENCS!

New premises for the Rushden Night Shelter & Food Bank? ENCS has submitted a planning application to change the use of the premises at 15-21 Church Street, after SERVE move out to their planned new base in West Street, off the High Street. It needs to find new premises for the Night Shelter to continue to receive funding from the district council – and the larger premises in Church Street would enable better accommodation to be provided. Crucially, a day-centre room would mean that service users would not be ejected during the day as they are at present. The day centre would provide a warm and welcoming environment, where people could learn life skills and attend other beneficial activities, helping to improve the 'move on' success rate. The planning application at <https://bit.ly/2RHMhN>

Volunteers needed: we are desperately in need of individuals to support our work. You would be joining a great team and would be given an induction before starting. In particular:

- **We need a few individuals to either cook or serve in our community café on a Monday morning.** This café is open to all and provides a hot breakfast at a very low cost to the community.
 - The Rushden **night shelter** is now in **desperate** need of **volunteers**, particularly over this winter period. We have had several longer-term volunteers leave us due to ill health or moving out of the area. If you or anyone you know, might be interested in doing a night a week, or every two weeks, to allow us to provide a roof and bed for those who are homeless, please get in touch to find out more. If you are in a position to spread the word about our need for volunteers, please do. We can provide you with role descriptions and application forms if needed.
- If you are interested in any of the above, please get touch with Jo Burns on info@encs.org.uk or 01933 733001.

As mentioned last month, the next **East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch** will take place on **Wednesday 19th February**, at the Frontier Centre, near Irthlingborough. Speakers will include Sue Griffiths from Northampton on the findings and actions from the recent survey of **mental health needs within local churches**. More details to follow

Fancy some company on Christmas Day?

- in Irthlingborough

A group of local people are planning to hang out and have breakfast together – 8:30-10am in the College Street Centre.

We're a mixed bunch – some young, some older – you'd fit right in!

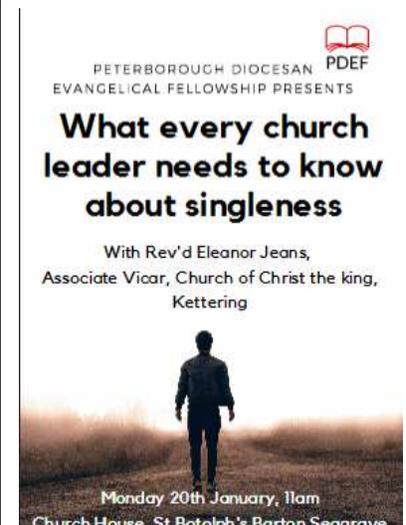
Tea, coffee and simple hot and cold breakfasts available for anyone and everyone. No charge. No need to book, just turn up, and feel free to come for the whole time or just pop in for a cuppa.

Absolutely anyone is welcome to join us.

Spread the word – no-one should be on their own if they don't want to be!

For more information, contact Emma - 07557641537 or Hannah - 07722843821

Volunteer befrienders needed for Home@lone Befriender Project, as run by Nene Valley Community Action. Details are available from Cheryl Smith on 01933 313526. An information evening, intended particularly for potential volunteers from local churches will be taking place in January (details to be finalised) – more information on 01933 316927



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EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS

What every church leader needs to know about singleness

With Rev'd Eleanor Jeans,
Associate Vicar, Church of Christ the king,
Kettering

Monday 20th January, 11am
Church House, St Botolph's Barton Seagrave



RUSHDEN LAKES, AFC RUSHDEN & DIAMONDS, AND ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH RUSHDEN PRESENT

Christmas Carol Service at Rushden Lakes

with Reverend Richard Coles and Paul Needle's Diamond Jazz Quartet

7:30pm
WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER
RUSHDEN LAKES BOARDWALK
Or at the Cineworld entrance in poor weather

All welcome!

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