

**East Northants Community Services (ENCS) –  
September 2017 update**  
Also serving the district through the East Northants Faith Group (ENFG)  
(Registered Charity Number 1154210)



**Helen Allan**, our **Operations Manager**, is employed to support the staff and volunteers in our various projects. She can be contacted on 07871 999020 and at [helen.allan@encs.org.uk](mailto:helen.allan@encs.org.uk).

**WANTED:** volunteers to help run the Cornerfield Café which takes place at Rushden Full Gospel Church on Monday and Thursday mornings – details from Helen Allan

**Fundraising event, from 6 to 9pm on Saturday 30th September: Clothes Swish** at Rushden Full Gospel Church, 60 High Street South, Rushden – to raise money for the Recovery House by donating three to five items of high quality clothing by 23rd September and coming along on the night to select some new clothes. Admission £5 (pre-purchased tickets).  
[https://www.facebook.com/events/2102746353084973/?acontext=%7B%22action\\_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/2102746353084973/?acontext=%7B%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D)

**WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE  
presents Walk Through the Old Testament**

A highly dynamic and memorable day that will give you a greater understanding of God's word and how the stories of the Old Testament connect to our lives today.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 10am to 4.30pm

At Thrapston Baptist Church  
Off St Paul's Gardens, Thrapston, NN14 4NF  
Book your place online and [www.bible.org.uk](http://www.bible.org.uk) or contact Neil Mathieson on 0797 413424 or June Davy on 01832 733586

The cost of the day is £14 per person, which includes a workbook. Please bring your own packed lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 7 for 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Rushden: Donald, Bishop of Peterborough will be talking on **lay ministry and lay leadership** – including through serving the wider community. Although it will formally be a meeting of the Higham Deanery Synod, it will be open to all, with no admission charge. Andrew Presland has more details on 01933 316927.



**Update on the Rural Wellbeing Bus**

Within East Northants, the bus will be visiting Thrapston (Co-op car park in Oundle Road) on Tuesdays 19th September, 17th October and 14th November and Oundle (Co-op car park in St Osyth's Lane) on Thursdays 28th September, 26th October and 23rd November – 10am to 2pm on each day. Please let Linda Hook (Wellbeing Fieldworker) know if you wish to get involved.

She can be contacted at  
[Linda.Hook@northantsacre.org.uk](mailto:Linda.Hook@northantsacre.org.uk)

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.

**East Northants Faith Group (ENFG)**

**The next East Northants Community Leaders' Lunch** will be taking place from 11.30am for 12 noon on Wednesday 25th October at the Frontier Centre, Addington Road, Irthlingborough NN9 5UH, with Dr David Smart and Revd Philip Evans talking on **mental health and wellbeing**. Open to all. You can reserve your place at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/enfg-community-leaders-lunch-mental-health-and-wellbeing-tickets-38000211656>  
There will be an admission charge of £5, payable on the door.

**Rushden People Over 150 Years**

Thirty students of the Rushden Academy have recently carried out some research on people associated with Rushden who made their mark on the world in various positive ways. They achieved this with the help of youth workers from Whitefriars Church, Rushden, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

More details are available at  
<http://enfg.org.uk/rushden-people-150-years/>  
Could you help young people from your own town or village to do some similar research, to highlight that 'something good' can come from your town or village too?



RUSHDEN YOUNG ROOTS



On Thursday 21st September: Northamptonshire County Council will be holding a free and informal **fostering and adoption information** event between 6.30 and 8.30pm at the Wooldale Centre for Learning, Caroline Chisholm School, Wooldale Road, Northampton NN4 6TP. More information is available at  
[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/adoptionfostering](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/adoptionfostering).

**Refugee Support**

**The next East Northants Refugee Support Group meeting** will be taking place at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st September at the Full Gospel Church, 60 High Street South, Rushden.

**The Bundle – an asylum seeker's story** – by the Journeymen Theatre: Thursday 28th September at 7pm at Holdenby Lecture Theatre 1 at the University of Northampton Park Campus, Boughton Green Road, Northampton NN2 7AL. Sponsored by the Northampton Town of Sanctuary. More details from Ron at [ron.mendal@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:ron.mendal@northampton.ac.uk).

Several churches and other groups are working to introduce the Home Office/DCLG **community sponsorship scheme** to the county, as a practical and workable way of charities accommodating a refugee family. A meeting to discuss next steps is due to be taking place in October. Andrew Presland has more details on 01933 316927.