

A message to all Bedford Street Angels, the member church leaders and other interested parties

Dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to announce that at its meeting last night, Thursday 10th September, the Bedford Street Angels Committee, has appointed me to become its first Project Coordinator. I will be starting with immediate effect and shall be responsible for the day to day running of the project. I am also assisting in the life and ministry of St Paul's Church, Bedford as I continue my discernment to priesthood.

Until recently, I have been serving as Director of Communications for Churches Together in Bognor Regis and District, which covers twenty two churches and Christian groups. I have direct experience of having been involved with the setting up of the Arun Angels Project, the equivalent project in Bognor Regis.

My appointment marks some exciting changing to the work of the project. I would be most grateful in these coming days for your prayers as I seek to discern what Gods will for the project is but also done in partnership with others. There is a significant amount of work to do to ensure we are in a position to move the project on with haste.

At the beginning of this new venture, I want to pay tribute to Major Ian Loxley, as Chair for all his hard work and effort to begin this project and maintain its success after the initial launch in March this year. Ian has decided to take a 'backseat' role on the project although we will still see him around (thankfully!). I also want to thank Brenda Sackett who has decided not to continue her administrative tasks for the project. We thank God for both of these servants and the work they have achieved.

Just a number of important points at this stage –

Contact details for the project coordinator

With immediate effect, all communications should be directed to me in the first rather than Major Ian Loxley. We are grateful that the Salvation Army at this moment to provide office space for Street Angels at Commercial Road during the week and for our weekly patrol. My day off shall be Monday, but I hope to be around the rest of the week.

At present, my mobile number is the best method of telephone contact. My number is 07595 703833. Please drop me a text or leave a message if I don't answer and I promise to return all calls!

I can also be contacted via email on thebedfordstreetangel@gmail.com. As a avid Facebook User, I can also be found on there as well, although I am not a member of a Bedford Street Angels group at this stage.

Recruitment pack

All those connected with Bedford Street Angels will receive a recruitment pack by email in the next couple of days. You will be asked to fill an amended application form in again in order to ensure that all details are correct and all volunteers have the same information on our files. It would be advised if you could send that back to me by email.

Please be assured that references will not be taken again.

Bedford Street Angels Training Day – Saturday 31st October 2009

There will be a training session for ALL Street Angels on Saturday 31st October 2009 from 10.00am until 4.30pm at the Salvation Army. This day is an opportunity for us to get together to meet and share our experiences as a team. There will be input from Frank Fender, Project Coordinator of Bed:safe and I will be speaking about the future of the project. It is important that ALL those connected with Street Angels attend this day, especially if you are seeking to continue patrolling the streets.

If you are unable to come, please do let me know as soon as possible. If this date is difficult for many of you to attend, I will seek to re-arrange an alternative date or offer it twice.

Tea and Coffee will be served throughout the day. There will also be a light lunch provided by our friends at the Salvation Army.

The cost of the training is free, but if anyone wants to make a donation then we would be happy to receive this.

Please do put the date in your diaries now!

Invitation to speak at churches or other church based groups

There is a separate more formal announcement and introduction letter about my appointment to be sent to through for the various Churches Together groups so news of my appointment can be shared with them this weekend. Apologies to those who get this message more than once.

However, I am looking for as many as varied opportunities to speak in church services and other meetings about the Street Angels project with the intention of seeking to recruit new people to work with us. I am keen to speak at Sunday service and meetings – in the notices, during refreshments or even preach in the sermon slot. It would also be good to speak to groups of church leaders in their various forms too. I am open to your suggestions....

Good communications with the various local church, I believe provides a framework for the support.

I will be attending the evangelical minister's lunch and All Churches Together in Bedford as well as speaking at two churches in October.

Please do pray for opportunities to speak on the project.

Meeting with Street Angels on one to one basis

It is my intention that from mid-October (after I have done the initial settling in!) to start a programme to meet with each registered volunteer on a one to one basis to have an informal coffee together. This will help me get to know each of you, discuss your hopes and dreams for the project and your opportunity to ask me anything you might want to know.

I will drop an email nearer the time to pass on arrangements of how this will work.

Sorry for such a long email but it was our intention that Street Angels heard about of this directly as soon as possible.

Please note, I shall be away between Saturday 20th September and Monday 28th September 2009 as I am involved in the Bognor Regis Bible Week taking place at the home of Christ for the Nations UK Bible College, based at the Royal Norfolk Hotel. Further details can be found on www.bibleweekbognor.org

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to discuss anything in this email. My motto is 'there is always time for coffee!'

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over these next few weeks,

With all good wishes,

Yours in the service of Christ,
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