

Dear friends, church leaders and supporters,

Just an email to keep you all posted on news from Bedford Street Angels -

Firstly, a huge thank you. We are grateful to all of you who have supported the work of Bedford Street Angels in this first year. The work that we engaging is valued by Bedford Borough Council, Bedfordshire Police and others. This was evident at our celebration day last Saturday, where 50 invited guests attended. It was also a privilege to welcome Paul Blakey, and his wife to our celebration. A recent text from them says 'we are humbled by the faithfulness of the Bedford Street Angels'.

Copies of the podcasts and pictures from our celebration should be available from the Bedford Street Angels website later this week.

Funding Opportunities

We are delighted to announce that further to the £3,500 donation from the Bed:safe Licensees Forum, we are in processing of receiving matched funding from Bedfordshire Police to support our work. This is a significant achievement as we look for sustainability in our work.

Brenda Sackett - the new Volunteer Coordinator and Safeguarding Officer

Since my last 'word in your ear', the Bedford Street Angels Management Committee has appointed Brenda Sackett to the role of Volunteer Coordinator and Safeguarding Officer for the project. Her role is to support all volunteers during recruitment and selection. Brenda will also be acting as our Safeguarding lead to ensure good practice of vetting volunteers and also introducing the mentoring programme in due course.

With regards to my role, I shall focusing on building partnerships within the borough and continuing to develop a communications strategy to ensure Bedford Street Angels is widely known.

Second Christian Nightlife Initiative Conference - Wednesday 7th July in Bedford

In January, it was announced that Bedford Street Angels would be hosting the second National Christian Nightlife Initiative this coming July. I am pleased to announce that Steve Clifford, the Newly appointed General Director of the Evangelical Alliance will be our second keynote speaker for the conference. Steve Clifford worked as a teacher in the 1980s before taking up full-time church leadership in 1985. He has been long been involved in church planting, running leadership and discipleship teams, and enabling networks. He has served as Chair of many key evangelical initiatives, including Soul Survivor, Hope 08, Soul in the City, London and of March for Jesus International.

Below is an outline of the programme for the conference -

Tuesday 6th July 2010

7.00pm - Informal meal together

As people are traveling from across the nation to the conference there is an option to meet together for an evening meal with others attending the conference. For ease we will meet at the Bedford Congress Hall, Bedford, MK40 1QS. Please email Adam May on adam@bedfordstreetangels.org.uk to be part of this so we can book a table. You will need to pay for your own meal!

Wednesday 7th July 2010

10.00am - Registration
Tea/Coffee and Biscuits served

10.30am - Welcome and notices
Chair

10.35am – Time of Prayer and Reading from Scripture
Prayer Coordinator of Bedford Street Angels, Miss Vee Travers

10.40am - Devotional address on 'Being Transformed – using the Night Time Economy'
The Bishop of Bedford, the Right Reverend Richard Inwood

11.00am - Keynote Speaker 1 followed by Questions

12.00pm – An opportunity to hear what is going on elsewhere - two presentations from projects across the country.

12.20pm - Networking Lunch

1.15pm – Keynote Speaker 2 followed by Questions

2.00pm – An opportunity to hear what is going on elsewhere - various presentations from projects across the country.

2.45pm – A Presentation followed by Questions on the future of the Christian Nightlife Initiative.

National Founder of Street Angels, Paul Blakey MBE and Chair

3.15pm – 'Drawing it all together'
Chair

3.30pm - Closing Prayer, Closing of the conference and depart

Chair – Mr Adam May, Project Director of Bedford Street Angels and Trustee of Street Angels – Christian Nightlife Initiative

The cost of the day conference will be £10.00 payable in advance, with collection at the end of each session. Booking forms will be circulated in due course, but do put the date in your diary.

Spring/Summer Programme

A programme of events for the Spring and Summer will be available with the Easter word in your ear.

Hopefully, that's all for now but don't forget to listen in to Melting Pot on BBC Three Counties with Phil Lack from 7.00am tomorrow morning to hear my interview with him earlier this week.

Many thanks once again for your continued support and faithfulness,

With best wishes in Christ,
Adam

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