

Dear friends,

The summer is now here and with people taking holidays, I thought it might be helpful to write and share an update on where we are.

River Festival

A huge thank you to all those who supported us at the River Festival. Although foot fall on the Village Green was lower than expected, it was good to have a presence next to 'Open the Book' and show our mutual support of each other to Hope Bedfordshire.

PC Ali McGaw

I am delighted to be able to write and share the news that Alistair McGaw will be staying in his role as Licensing and Night-time Economy Officer, Bedfordshire Police. Many of you might be aware that in line with staffing changes within the police, it has been decided that Ali would be moved to another post. After much discussion, it has been agreed that Ali will be staying in his current role.

Ali is a supporter of the work of Bedford Street Angels and we are glad that he will be continuing his work with us.

BSA staffing holidays

Brenda is away from today (23rd July) until 15th August inclusive. All volunteer matters during this time should be directed to me. Stephen and I shall both be away the week commencing 2nd August for the inside of the week (Monday - Friday) but will be around at the weekend each side.

During the summer, the best method of contact is by email so if you can drop me a line that would be much appreciated.

Update on Weekend patrols - August

Following a discussion with Stephen it has been agreed that until September, we will only be looking at fielding one team each night (Friday and Saturday). This is nothing to do with lack of volunteers but due to the quiet spell which Bedford experiences during the summer on an evening.

There are still slots for street patrols and prayer cover, so please do get in touch with me if you might be able to assist. We are continuing to look for mixed gender teams where possible.

Hope Family Fun Day - Sunday 22nd August 2010

In 2008, 1200 people attended the RE:ACT family fun day in the grounds of Langholme Way and we hope this will be happen again this year hosted by Hope Bedfordshire on Sunday 22nd August 2010 between 1.00pm and 4.00pm in the same venue as before.

Bedford Street Angels will be having a stall at this event and we are looking for 3 volunteers to assist with making this happen. Please do get in touch with me if you can help.

Please also find attached a copy of the poster for the event - and it would be good if you could spread the word for us!

Have you seen an Angel? - All Saints Church, Kempston

During the August Bank Holiday weekend, All Saints Kempston will be hosting a festival of Angels weekend. The event will be running each day in church from 12noon - 5.00pm. There will be opportunities for children's crafts, making angels, reflecting on what the Bible says on Angels and refreshments too.

On the Sunday morning at 10.30am, there will be a Festival Eucharist where I will be preaching followed by the 'Big Sing' in the Church Hall. The aim is to get as many people together to sing 'I believe in Angels' by Abba.

Throughout the weekend, the Bedford Street Angels stall would be there too.

The cost of the event is free - but there will be opportunities to give money to the work of Bedford Street Angels.

Please do come over during the weekend and visit if you are able. Any offers of help would also be gratefully received.

Hopefully, that's all for now. May I also take this opportunity on behalf of the Chair and Trustees to thank each one of you for your continued support of our work. Without the support of so many, Bedford Street Angels would not be possible. Thank you for standing alongside us.

Have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing as many of you soon...

With summer blessings and prayers,
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