



Eastbourne Winter Night Shelter

I was a stranger and you invited me in... *MATTHEW 25:35*

Dear reader,

Thank you to all of you who attended the week of prayer for unity last week and for all who prayed for this. We had 42 people on Monday at the Prayer Centre, when the theme was praying for the winter night shelter, so thank you for supporting us.



We are now almost two thirds of the way through this season and we are thankful for the many provisions that God has made possible in this ministry. Several people have already been provided with accommodation and been able to move on with their lives and this is something we can all give thanks to God for.

We are pleased to report that the integration of our eighth church, Holy Trinity, continues to go very smoothly, and we are grateful to all those who have been involved in this.

Decision not to extend the WNS this season

For your information, at our last Church Coordinators meeting, we discussed the option to extend the night shelter for a short period at the beginning of March, if the weather is very cold. After careful consideration, the decision was taken that we will stay with our plan to close on the morning of Saturday 1st March, regardless of the weather or forecast. There are many factors involved in this, including the availability of church halls as many have made advanced bookings, the availability of volunteers and the fatigue factor which can effect us all. Also, the unpredictability of our weather is such that we could get frost and snow through April and we do have to have an end date. We agreed it is better to focus on what we can do in a positive way, rather than on what we can't do! We trust you will understand our thinking on this.

Update about 'The Bridge'

The latest news on the Supported Accommodation, 'The Bridge', is very positive in that we have had an offer to purchase a large house accepted, and we are working on being able to open sometime around April this year. We have already appointed two members of staff to manage this work (mentioned in our December newsletter) and they will join us on 1st March.

We will have to furnish the house as a home for 6 men, with beds, wardrobes, desks, lounge furniture, kitchen equipment, and also furniture for a small office. If you know of any suitable good quality items or equipment which may become available then please talk to either Stephen or David. We are planning to give our residents the best we can in every aspect of service to them, and we hope to carry this through to their practical needs in the house too!

A date for your diary...

Finally, please [CLICK HERE](#) to see an invitation to all volunteers to attend our "Volunteers Thank You Tea Party" which is to be held on Monday 3rd March. We do hope as many volunteers will be able to attend as possible, as we would like to show our appreciation to all in our community who have offered support to the WNS. We have invited the Mayor and other public bodies and the businesses who have helped us.

Thank you for your continued support and we trust you are not growing weary!

With our kind regards and every blessing,

David, for Kingdom Way Trust and the Winter Night Shelter Team

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