

Newsletter

Welcome to our October Newsletter!



Autumn is a time for thanksgiving and we hope you will join us in giving thanks to God for all He has been bringing to fruition over the summer months. We especially thank Him for the Chesterfield Bus trip to Bridlington, where deeper connections were made with those who came. In particular we thank God for Stewart, pictured to the left, with another Stewart, one of our driver volunteers! Stewart now feels able to join us each Monday as we meet upstairs on the Bus for prayer, testimony and discussion. We do pray that he will come to a personal knowledge of Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.

And we know that God hears our prayers....only this week we had a young man return to us to say our prayers for him the week before had been answered. He had turned up for the first time to the Bus, new to Chesterfield, with nowhere to live, and eager to find work. After being prayed for on the Bus he had the sense that God went before him and prepared the way, resulting in him finding accommodation with the help of Pathways, a local Day Centre for the homeless, who then were also able to offer him some voluntary work, while he continues to seek paid employment. He was overjoyed and it was great that he came back to tell us and join us in prayerful thanks upstairs on the Bus, where life had been so different just the week before. God is good!



So as summer events become distant memories what better way to start the autumn than a **START** course!! Following on the success of the first course run in Matlock, another one is to begin there in the coming weeks, and plans are afoot to launch one in Chesterfield too. Rob Stoba will be co-ordinating and leading these with help from available volunteers. We are grateful that Rob has been able to take on these extra roles, especially as Matt Rowley, the Church Army Officer who was to join Alan in the summer, has now decided to stay on in N. Ireland with his family and continue the work he has been doing there.



Upcoming Events!



St Thomas' Church in Brampton, Chesterfield, is one of our supporting churches and has invited us to contribute to their 9am and 11am services on Sunday 14 October, to update them on all that God is doing through the project. Rob Stoba from the Bus will be preaching, and Steve, who first came to the Bus last autumn, will be giving his testimony of how that set him on the road to change. You are very welcome to join us at either of these services, and if you are thinking of exploring how you might be able to help out on the Bus, it will be a great opportunity to meet current volunteers and hear what their contribution is and how they came to be involved. We need people with all sorts of skills, (and those willing to develop some!) from making sandwiches to serving them, sorting clothes and giving them out, talking to people, sharing your faith, prayer ministry, driving the Bus, cleaning it, helping with maintenance, and various administrative tasks, like compiling Newsletters! So do come along and make yourself known to us. Many hands make light work!



Later in the autumn we are holding a *Volunteers Get Together*, which will be an informal time together for volunteers from Chesterfield and Matlock. The Bus is no longer going out to Clay Cross as it was felt by those involved to have served its purpose there. The aim of the *Get Together* is to provide an opportunity for volunteers to exchange their experiences of serving on the Bus, to share ideas, and generally to encourage one another in the work.

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