

New Life



Happy Easter!



Welcome!

To the Easter edition of our Newsletter, which is full of **GOOD NEWS** of people being raised to **New Life** in Christ!

We recently discovered that someone who used to attend Church on the Bus is now an active Christian, living out her faith as a Street Pastor! **Praise the Lord!!**

Others continue on their journey into faith. Steve wrote an article for the October Newsletter, describing how he came to believe there is a God. (A copy of this can be seen on our website, www.churchonthebus.com) Steve has been meeting with Rob Stoba, as part of our nurturing programme, as outlined in the January Newsletter. In this edition, Steve tells us more about how his faith is developing:-

Since God revealed himself to me in a church one Spring morning last year, my life has begun to turn around. My bi-polar disorder has begun to ease, and my money troubles are well on their way to being solved. I feel more active and alert and sociable, just like I used to be years ago. By having faith in God I now know that I can take any other problems to him and he will be on my side and will always be there for me.

Barbara, who also featured in the October Newsletter, regularly attends Holy Trinity and St Thomas' Church, the two main churches in Chesterfield involved with Church on the Bus.

Barbara was not baptised as a child, and for some time now she has been expressing a desire to be baptised, to feel that she officially belongs to God's family. This led to some 1:1 meetings with Barbara away from the Bus, where she discovered what it means to be a Christian and be baptised. She subsequently asked Jesus to come into her life and help her to change.

Please pray for Barbara as she continues with the 1:1 meetings in preparation for her baptism at St Thomas' on Sunday 13 May at the 6pm service.

To God be the Glory!!

Darren first came to the Bus about 6 years ago. At that time he was in despair, distressed, full of anxiety and with nowhere to live. After a period of getting to know him, building relationship, praying with him and encouraging him in his potential, Darren accepted Jesus into his life. He then disappeared for about 3 years, only to reappear recently, full of thanks for all the previous support he had been given! He now has a job as a postman and is sorting his life out. He feels it is all down to the prayers that have opened up opportunities for him.

Les, a bubbly, joyful and outgoing individual who attends the Church on the Bus in Matlock, suddenly became ill and had to go to hospital for an operation. Throughout this time he was prayed for and encouraged by the Bus team in Matlock. Now, as he is recovering, he claims it is the love, support and prayers of his Church on the Bus family that has helped to bring him through.



Kevin Mather, a local businessman with a haulage company, has very kindly offered his services for any future repairs for the Buses. We are very grateful for this support, Kevin.

Many thanks!!

New Developments

- The Matlock team are now holding a monthly Open Morning at the Community Centre, offering good quality donated clothing. It is hoped this will help the local community, whilst providing a means of connecting with people and raising awareness of Church on the Bus and how it could meet other needs in the community.
- The top deck of the Bus used in Chesterfield on Mondays and Thursdays will become a **Spiritual Surgery** from 7.30-8pm, offering the opportunity for people to talk in more depth about their concerns, receive prayer and hear the Gospel. **Please pray for this new initiative.**
- Church on the Bus is currently exploring the possibility of **Widening** its **Horizons** by reaching into the Mansfield area. Captain Alan is meeting with local churches to discuss the best way forward.
- Meanwhile, within the diocese, Church on the Bus has developed links with other groups, looking at using the Bus as an outreach vehicle in smaller rural communities for evangelism and as a prayer station. **Please pray for God's guidance re: expanding in these ways.**



Thank You! For all your continuing support of God's work amongst the homeless and needy through Church on the Bus. If you would like to offer help in any way then do contact us using the details below. We are particularly in need of extra volunteers for Monday and Thursday evenings in Chesterfield. **God Bless you and may you know the power of the risen Christ this Easter!**

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