

East Northants Faith Group (ENFG) update, April 2024

Working closely with the charity Encompass (formerly East Northants Community Services)
Now produced approximately quarterly as time permits

Bring back the Rushden Street Pastors!?



Following the open meeting in October about **relaunching Street Pastors** in Rushden, volunteers are still needed. If you are also interested, please contact Andrew Presland (andrew.presland.harborough58@gmail.com), who will pass on your details. Members of the Rushden Town Council are keen to support this initiative, but more volunteers are need first, both as Street Pastors and to help make the scheme happen.

This would be very timely following the **Rushden Town Centre Public Space Protection Order** coming into effect in March, to try to restrict anti-social behaviour within the town centre. Details are here: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/rushdens-public-space-protection-order-now-force-bid-tackle-anti-social-behaviour>



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LATEST NEWS



encompass

supporting those facing poverty,
homelessness and addiction

JOB VACANCY: DEADLINE VERY SOON

After five years, Jo Burns, the **Chief Executive Officer of the Rushden-based charity, Encompass**, is soon to be moving on.

Her job is now being advertised

at: <https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs?keywords=encompass&location=northamptonshire&radius=20&jobId=958235>, with applications invited by **5pm on Wednesday 10th April**. Encompass was previously East Northants Community Services and oversees homeless provision in Rushden and Corby, the Recovery House, four food banks and a recently-relaunched day centre in Church Street, Rushden.



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Holiday Park

ANOTHER JOB VACANCY – this time, in idyllic surroundings on the west coast of Scotland: Café Supervisor

This role is on a holiday park that has been run for many years by a Christian family with Rushden connections.

The successful applicant will lead the team to create a relaxing, welcoming atmosphere, and to demonstrate Christian values in the service provided. Prior catering experience and necessary Food Hygiene qualifications essential.

The job is seasonal and requires weekend working, with mid-week shift flexibility. However, it may be possible to give the successful applicant employment throughout most of the 5 months of the close season on park maintenance work. Accommodation is available. Other positions to suit a couple may be possible.

Salary is negotiable depending on experience. Closing time for application: **Monday th 15 April**.

The applicant/s must have a Christian faith & support our vision and ministry. This is an Occupational Requirement (OR). Equality Act 2010.

For more information about us and to see the job description, please check www.portban.com.

To apply and for more information, please email your CV and covering letter to info@portban.com.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



What next?

An open consultation on possible mission in the future

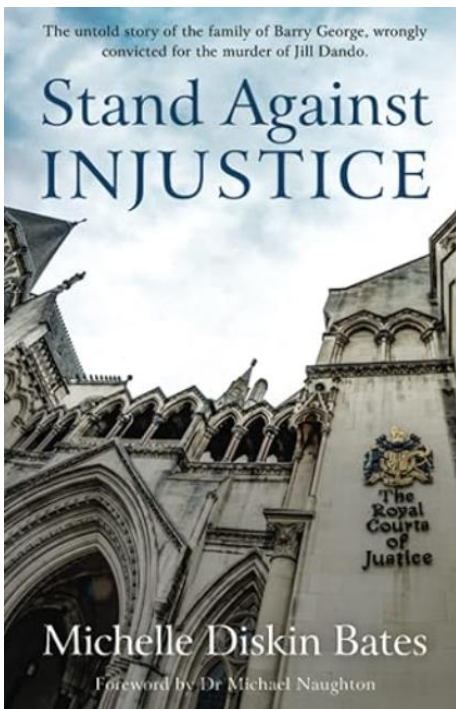
A time for our local churches to come together to openly discuss opportunities for mission in our area.

Joining us will be a team from the Luis Palau Association to help facilitate discussion

Tuesday April 16th
7:30pm
at Highfield Community Baptist Church
NN109QD




LUIS PALAU 



Stand against Injustice

BBC presenter, Jill Dando, was shot dead on her doorstep in Fulham, 25 years ago. Astonishingly, her murder is still unsolved.

The wrongful conviction, and subsequent exoneration of a vulnerable local man, Barry George, thrust his family into a nightmare, and his sister into the hitherto unknown world of legal battles, and media intrusion.

Hear author and Keynote speaker, Michelle Diskin Bates, discuss current and historic cases of Miscarriage of Justice, and their causes.

The current cases of miscarriage of justice to be discussed include the continuing Post Office scandal, where yet more jaw-dropping examples of evil were revealed recently.

At Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 147-155 Kettering Road Northampton NN1 4BS

Friday 19th April, 7 to 10pm: tickets £6

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stand-against-injustice-tickets>

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A great day out discovering local churches.

Ride and Stride - the foremost annual fun **fund-raising** event to help preserve churches and chapels and keep them active in our communities will be held on Saturday 14th September.

All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and the church or chapel chosen by the participant. Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are available from your local organiser or Liz Doherty emdoherty@sky.com.

To find out more go to: <http://nhct.org.uk>.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

A) First aid for mental health

Hope for Families has recently launched its **First Aid for Mental Health** training for professionals working with families, delivered by our certified First Aid for Mental Health instructor. They have identified an opportunity to support local professionals, churches, schools and other partners by delivering affordable, accessible and practical training in the area of First Aid for Mental Health.

A recent delegate attending the Level 2 Award commented as follows, "*(Facilitator) delivered the material really well. It was informative, thought-provoking and challenging. I got a lot out of the two sessions.*" (Rev. Damian Carr, Hope Church Corby)

Both the **FAA Awareness of First Aid for Mental Health Level 1 Award** (1/2 day) and **FAA First Aid for Mental Health Level 2 Award** (1 day) can be delivered **online** or **in-person** and as with all of our courses for parents/carers, we will be offering them as **open courses** (aimed at individuals) as well as **closed courses** for our partner organisations (if you would like to train your team, for example). For more information about each qualification, please contact Louise Willis directly. Please note that we can also offer the **FAA First Aid for Youth Mental Health Level 2 Award** (1 day) for professionals who are working directly with young people.

If you would be interested in the **FAA Level 3 Supervising Award in First Aid for Mental Health** (2 days), please contact Louise Willis directly.

Prices:

FAA Awareness of First Aid for Mental Health Level 1 Award - £65 per delegate

FAA First Aid for Mental Health Level 2 Award - £100 per delegate

FAA First Aid for Youth Mental Health Level 2 Award - £100 per delegate

(including the accompanying handbook and certificate on successful completion of the final assessment. Group sizes will be small, with plenty of time for discussion & learning from each other)

If you are interested in finding out more, please complete this [short survey](#). Following this, they will be in touch

Louise Willis
Hope for Families Founder/Coordinator
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B) Sight Loss Friendly Church



Torch Trust, the Christian sight loss charity, is running an initiative - Sight Loss Friendly Church (SLFC) – to help churches to become accessible for people with sight loss. They are providing some free sessions on Zoom for churches to find out more about SLFC. The sessions that they currently have to offer are:

Introduction to SLFC
Thursday 9th May at 2pm (45 minutes)
Registration Link

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9511582527>
- https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcxd-CqpsqGd0mlqz3tulkQAHmsgg_vBDU

This session covers a brief overview of what it means to be a sight loss friendly church. There is an interactive element in the form of an informal quiz, personal stories and videos about sight loss and an overview of our services. Come along if you're thinking of signing up your church or if you'd like to refresh old knowledge.

SLFC Q&A

Monday 3rd June at 2pm (1 hour)

Registration Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9511582527>
- https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlce2srzlsGtwxyB-sNnmx_qgmDGzAzVal

Meet our expert panel from Torch Trust and ask your questions around welcoming and including blind and partially sighted people in all aspects of your church. No question is too embarrassing, we're all at different stages in our sight loss friendly journey. As well as asking our experts, churches with experience of inclusion are also welcome to chip in with hints and tips on how they have overcome any challenges.

For more details, please contact **Ruth Johansson**, Development Team and Operations Team Administration Worker, **Torch Trust**, Torch House, Market Harborough, Leics, LE16 9HL or visit

www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk

From *Rushden Matters*, newsletter of Rushden Town Council, November 2023:

Rushden Parochial Charities

Rushden Parochial Charities is a small charity, administered by Rushden Town Council, that offers grants to residents of Rushden who may be suffering extreme financial hardship.

The charity can offer small grants to help improve peoples' living conditions and general wellbeing.

If you feel that Rushden Parochial Charities may be able to help you or someone you know please contact the Town Clerk at clerk@rushdentowncouncil.gov.uk or on 01933 316216

