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Welcome to the February edition of Imagine Norfolk Together's news and prayer letter (Great Yarmouth).

As always I would love to hear from you. Please ring me on 07471 357072 or email me at anna.heydon@togethernorfolk.org.uk

Also, why not check out the Imagine Norfolk Together website, where you can find out more about what we do.

Visit Imagine Norfolk Together website



Spotlight on...

Advent Sleepout - Great Yarmouth Minster







On 7th February, 4 intrepid souls braved the cold weather and slept in the open fronted porch of Great Yarmouth Minster. Carol, Robin, Rev. Simon and James spent the night outside in order to raise awareness of the situation for homeless people locally and to raise money for charities which help

Carol Ling who organised the sleepout said "It was a challenge for me.... I know I would never survive sleeping on the streets, one night was hard." The team have raised nearly £2000 in total, 80% of which will go to The Living Room winter night shelter which helps rough sleepers in Great Yarmouth, and 20% going to Church Urban Fund. There is still time to sponsor the team using the link below.

Visit Great Yarmouth Advent Sleepout page

Great Yarmouth Place of Welcome





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Great Yarmouth Place of Welcome opened its doors for the first time on Thursday 30th January. It will continue to open each Thursday morning, at St George's Theatre Cafe, welcoming people from every circumstance and cultural background to come and meet together over a cuppa.

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Find out more about 'Places of Welcome'

Blog

A Place of Welcome



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I remember when I first moved to Great Yarmouth. I had only moved a hundred miles, but I didn't know anyone, and had to adapt to a new job, new house, new town...

Read blog

Diary dates

Unlock Training - 22nd February 2020

in Urban Communities

Unlocking real life stories of urban people
Revealing Good News of the Down to Earth Christ
Releasing life changing skills and confidence

This is an opportunity open to anyone across the Eastern Region of England who may be interested in learning more about Unlock's approach to the Bible, giving both clergy and laity insights and practical, hands-on experience in applying this approach to Bible engagement with small groups of oral learners in their local area.

Dawn Lonsdale
(Unlock Chief Officer)
will lead an Unlock Training event
10.00am until 4.00pm
Saturday 22nd February 2020
at St Mary Magdalene church,
Gorleston, NR31 7BZ



Lunch is provided.

Our life experience matters; our stories; our joys and sorrows. The Bible has plenty to say - more than we'll ever know - about our lives if we know how to read it and apply it, to 'Unlock' it. For many people, hearing about Unlock's approach brings a eureka moment as they discover a way forward with a fringe group that doesn't relate to traditional Bible studies or formal church meetings.



Booking is essential **via**

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unlockingthe-bible-in-urban-communities-tickets-84171754985

> Or contact: Anna Heydon on 07471 347072

I'm working with Rev. Damon Rogers from St Andrew's Church in Lowestoft to bring Unlock training to the east coast.

This is an exciting opportunity to learn from Unlock's

where many people don't learn through traditional text-based approaches.

Booking for this training is essential - please use the link below. If you have any problem give me a ring.

Book a place for 'Unlock' training

Find out more about the work of Unlock

Resources

Church in the Community Directory January 2020



There have been a few changes since I printed the 'Church in the Community' Directory in October last year. You can download the updated directory here.

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Meals and Foodbank List



Download the February 2020 update for the Foodbank and meals list here

Download Foodbank and Meals list

Mental Health Resources





I've previously flagged up 'Mind and Soul' for the

about mental health from a Christian perspective. They now also have a film on their website which can be used as an introductory training session to mental health.

Another useful website is 'Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries' which has information to download and a course which can be purchased.

Visit Mind and Soul website

Visit Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries website

Project Evaluation Tools

Project planning tool		CHURCH URBAN EUND®
Organisation name	Project duration	
Project name	Project manager/lead	ALLCHURCHES TRUST LIMITED OWNERS OF ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE GROUP
Project location	Is there a website or other social media related to the project?	_
Project start date	media related to the projects	
In the context of this project, what a are trying to address?	re the needs you What are the assets and	I strengths that you are building on?

Research & Policy team have developed an Impact & Evaluation Toolkit for churches, small Christian charities, and Christian funders.

This simple, easy-to-use toolkit is designed to help you think about the impact you want your project to have, to consider realistic ways to assess your impact, to select the right evaluation tools for your project, and to reflect on and use the information that you gather in fruitful ways.

Download the Project Evaluation Tools

Relational Working and Homelessness



This paper is based on a report on relational

Commissioned by Church Urban Fund (CUF), the Centre for Housing Policy at the University of York undertook an evidence review to explore: what it means to take a relational approach to addressing homelessness; the benefits and challenges of relational adopting approach a to address homelessness: potential distinctive and the contribution of a faith-based approach to relational working.

Download the Relational Working and Homelessness Executive Summary

Advocacy and Empowerment Prayer Guide



In this prayer diary The Church Urban Fund take a

weaved throughout our work over England, and offer some guidance for how you can pray for particular projects and people.

Download the Prayer Guide

Funding

Norfolk Early Childhood Community Fund



Community groups that support young children and their parents in Norfolk, can now apply to a new community fund.

Find out more about Norfolk Early Childhood Community Fund

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Creating Connections | Building Communities

If you would like to bring people in your community together, why not apply for a Better Together grant? Grants of up to £200 are available to individuals or community groups to pay for activities which reduce loneliness or social isolation.

Find out more about 'Better Together' grant

Greggs Local Community Projects Fund



The Local Community Projects Fund makes grants of up to £2,000 to help organisations based in local communities to deliver activities that they wouldn't otherwise be able to.

Find out more about Greggs Local Community
Projects Fund

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#DO5THINGS

5 ways to respond to this newsletter:

Sponsor the Advent Sleepout team

Find out more about 'Places of Welcome'

Book a place for 'Unlock' training

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Visit Mind and Soul website

Let's talk about...

I would love to hear from you to discuss any of the following things:

 How you are getting involved in your local community, and good news stories about the difference this is making. local community or which equip for community engagement

- If you would more information about the Church Urban Fund and what they do
- If you would like me to visit your church, church meeting or group
- Anything you would find useful in future editions of this letter

You can email me at anna.heydon@togethernorfolk.org.uk



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