

Prayer Points Sunday November 26th 2023

We welcomed Kerrie Eastman from Streets2homes who updated us on the situation about supporting the homeless this winter and over Christmas.

- Currently there are about 7-8 people locally who are rough sleepers.
- Others are sofa surfing.

There is a possibility that the council will provide rented accommodation in the form of a shared house for around 5 months over the winter month with streets2Homes supporting clients based there for those sleeping rough.

If churches would like to get involved, Hope 4 Harlow is aiming in conjunction with Heart 4 Harlow; Streets2Homes and local churches to provide evening meals and social contact for those without permanent accommodation. There are a lot of lonely people who would appreciate the company. Some people are scared of the people they are having to share a house with and therefore do not use kitchen facilities.

St Paul's are covering Thursday evenings, 3-4 evenings are covered presently.

You can get involved in a number of ways:

- As an individual,
- A congregation
- By providing a church building to host an evening meal.

If your church cannot provide a venue, but can help with food, it might be possible to link up with other churches (St Paul's could possibly be available)

If you or people you know would like to be involved in hosting or helping in a team with others for evening meals, please contact Martin Harris:

Martinharris@live.co.uk

If the overnight temperature dips below freezing for 3 consecutive nights or more, the council will fund rough sleepers in hotels for that period.

This year there is no chocolate run to provide Christmas dinner.

Please pray for:

- volunteers at Streets2Homes and whether supporting the homeless is something you could get involved with. Kerrie would love to hear from you - kerrie.eastman@streets2homes.co.uk
- provision of safe accommodation for the homeless.
- teams of people to cover the provision of meals over the winter months.
- provision of a Christmas meal for those with no accommodation.

Jake from Potter Street shared his testimony of how his life had been turned around from drugs and crime by an encounter with Jesus and about his heart to help others who are still in the situation that

he was in. It was such an encouragement for those of us at the service. We were able to pray for Jake and his 2 friends, who are also on this journey with him.

We shared in groups about the Christmas outreach events happening at our churches and prayed for them.

Dates for your diary:

- Sat 16th Dec - Ann Kosla is looking for carol singers to support their 'Light up a Life Service' at St Clare Hospice at 18:45.
 - One hour maximum.
 - This will be in a marquee, so dress up warm! Christmas fair and hot drinks available. Please let Ann know if you can sing.
 - There is also a service at 16:00 on the same day if anyone wants to support, but doesn't want to be out in the evening. Ann.kosla@stclarehospice.org.uk
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- Tues 19th Dec - Carols in the Harvey Centre starting at 4:30
- There is no H4H service in December.
- The next service will be Jan 28th at St Stephen's Church, Tye Green.

May you know the love, joy and peace of our Saviour Jesus this Christmas time.