

Merry Christmas from Halifax Street Angels!

May we take this opportunity to wish the volunteers, supporters, friends, partners and those we help a very Merry Christmas... Christmas is the time of year we celebrate that God has become one of us - he has become flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood! God sent his son Jesus not to tell us off, not to pile on the guilt, not to give us religion - God sent his son Jesus to show us how wonderful we are, how amazing you are, what potential and worth your life has - to offer us life in the fullest! Just as the Street Angels give up time on Friday and Saturday nights to help and support others and to make our town a better place - so God gave up his son Jesus to offer you help and support towards a better you and to make our world a better place. In the midst of celebrations, the parties, the night's out, the shopping, the eating, the presents - make time to remember what Christmas is really about...

The Calderdale Christian Resource Exhibition was a great day with 400 people visiting the displays including the Mayor of Calderdale. It was great to see so many different organisations who are all making a massive difference to the Borough of Calderdale. The day finished with Saturday Night Live and guest speaker Debra Green from Redeeming Our Communities who spoke about the potential of partnerships.



The sixth Annual Report is now available on our web site and tells the exciting story of what Street Angels has achieved in the last year...



A new product - Stop 'n' Go Lock - is raising money for work of CNI Network with 10% of the profits supporting our work. The lock is a unique locking door wedge that is designed to lock internal doors on both hard and carpeted floors and is ideal for students, mobile executives, travellers, ladies travelling alone and home use. The locks retail at £35 and include a carry bag - see www.stopngolock.com

Street Angels helped steward both Halifax and Brighouse Christmas lights switch-on events - thanks to those who helped with this...



Sun 4th Dec - Street Angels organising an evening with **John and Cath Froud**, 6.30pm at Halifax Elim church - free event with an offering taken to support the work of John and the Inn Church project.

Mon 12th - Thu 15th Street Angels helping steward at Panto - 9-10.30am, 12-2pm, 4-5pm - see Paul if interested...

Tue 13th Dec - Paul attending a national conference looking at night-time economy

Wed 14th Dec - Social Media and Your Organisation at King's - also 12th Jan, 7th Feb & 15th March - please book in advance: 07725 501465

Thu 15th Dec - Carols at Costa Coffee, Woolshops, Halifax, 6pm - 8pm.

Sun 18th Dec - Planned interview of Paul on Aled Jones Sunday Morning, Radio 2

Mon 19th Dec - Street Angels leadership meeting, 6pm Fairtrade Cafe

Thu 22nd Dec - Street Angels and Churches Together **Carols at Harvey's**.

Christmas Angels - Thu 22nd Dec 9pm onwards (see how busy town is); Fri 23rd Dec, 9pm onwards; Sat 24th Dec 9pm onwards; Fri 30th Dec no Street Angels; New Years Eve 9pm onwards - other times as normal

Sun 25th Dec - Merry Christmas!

In January we will be running Street Angels on Saturday nights only.

Street Angels and Churches Together invite you to Christmas Carols at

HARVEYS
THE HALIFAX DEPARTMENT STORE

**Thursday 22nd
December, 6pm - 8pm**

All are welcome - come and enjoy your favourite carols, find out more about the work of Street Angels and other amazing projects making a difference here in Calderdale, do some last minute shopping and relax in the Café...

6th birthday 600 people £6 a month



Halifax Street Angels is celebrating its sixth birthday in November 2011. In these six years we have achieved much - violent crime and sexual assaults have reduced, volunteers have invested thousands of hours into our town both at night and at various community events, Halifax town has gone from binge to better with Street Angels contributing to the Purple Flag award.

As news of the impact and value of Halifax Street Angels spread other towns and cities looked to Halifax for inspiration. In 2008 we launched the Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network which has become an umbrella group, working across five strands, helping new towns and cities set up and supporting 100 existing local expressions of work within the nighttime economy.



This is YOUR project and, as we look forward to our sixth birthday in November, we have set a challenge - 600 people signing up to give £6 a month by standing order! The cost of 1 bottle of wine, 2 sandwich meal deals or 3 cups of coffee in a coffee shop would help cover our entire monthly costs (running costs and two full time salaries) for work locally in Halifax and nationally through CNI Network.

This is a great opportunity to be part of this fantastic work. We welcome support from individuals, businesses, churches or organisations - will you be one of the six hundred....

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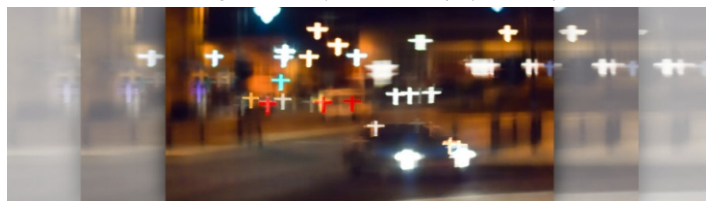
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I wish to Gift Aid this and all future donations until I give further notice*:

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Please return to: Street Angels, Fairtrade Café, 15 Crossley Street, Halifax, HX1 1UG - hello@streetangels.org.uk

* You must pay UK income tax and / or Capital Gains tax equal to the amount of tax reclaimed on your donations. You must notify SA-CNI immediately if your circumstances change.



Merry Christmas from CNI Network!

In this season of Advent, we prepare for Christmas and celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. For many CNI projects, this can be the busiest time of the year with extra patrols, longer hours and in some cases, a difficult time to find volunteers.

As the umbrella organisation of 100 projects in the night time economy, we would like to personally thank all those who have supported our work in 2011. It has been a successful year with lots of exciting things which have happened.

Local projects and expressions remain at the heart of CNI, and for that reason our thanks to all those fantastic volunteers who give so freely of their time to support those in needs

and quite simply 'make the difference'.

2012 promises to be a year of excitement with the birth of many new projects, responding to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and of course, the Olympics.

We are also looking at growing and developing the work that CNI does to become this national voice. Funding is being sought to enable the work of CNI to continue.

We would like to invite you to continue to stand alongside us in partnership and support.

Paul and Jean, Adam and Becky would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Blessed Christmas and a peaceful new year.

CNI has made links with a Street Chaplains project in Townsville, Australia. We are working with the steering group to see how CNI Network can expand to support night-time projects in Australia, another country where there is real need around with binge drinking culture. Townsville Street Chaplains can be found on Facebook and at www.townsvillestreetchaplains.org.au



Paul and Adam attended the URChurch Mission Team in November to share about our work.

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Please pray for: Christmas and volunteers putting in extra hours at this busy time of the year and for peaceful night-time communities; *Becky and Adam as they get married*; funding so that we can go forward into 2012 with renewed vision; *More Than Gold as they prepare for the few months ahead*; *makingthedifference.tv* as the broadcasts go on-line and Revelation TV and for the plans for the second series in 2012; *the work of Townsville Street Chaplains and the beginnings of CNI Network Australia*; *Stop'n'GoLock* - that this product will sell and that CNI will receive funding through this; *the work of local projects...*

More than Gold - Starting the year with a call to prayer:

A call to prayer for the Games and the nations

Jon Burns, More Than Gold's UK Director says, 'We sense, like never before, that God is calling the whole church in the UK to welcome 2012 with prayer'.



That's why we are asking people to do something to start the next year with prayer

More than Gold are suggesting the focus should be during the week of Saturday 31st December to Sunday 8th January, with the theme 'Shine for Jesus', based on Isaiah 60:1-5.

Christian Nightlife Initiatives will be supporting the Bedford event where the speaker will be Dave Willson, CEO of More than Gold and led by Adam May, the Director of Development for CNI Network.

Could you join us in this exciting way to start 2012?

More Than Gold – supporting the 2012 Games Visitors and Local Communities

As we are sure almost everyone in the UK is aware, the 2012 Games are drawing very close, we have heard of many 'CNI volunteers' asking how they might become involved and utilise their invaluable skills and experience either locally or particularly in London Boroughs. Well I would like to encourage and share with you a great opportunity we have both to serve our communities and also grow our CNI Groups.

More Than Gold are forming 'Games Pastor' Teams, these Teams will serve visitors and local communities in the lead up to and during the Games and Paralympics 2012. This is across the UK close to all venues, sailing in Weymouth to Football in Glasgow, predominantly London Boroughs will be the busiest where we will see most deployed. CNI have partnered with other organisations and assisting in delivering the training for the Games Pastors, the training is also a useful development on that given to CNI volunteers presently.

The opportunity comes for CNI volunteers to join in as Games Pastors, leading and mentoring the More Than Gold Teams. It is initially expected that around 1,000 volunteers will sign up, several already are in the role of 'CNI volunteers' and are taking on leadership and other roles as 'Games Pastors' just for 2012. This is where the great opportunity comes in for CNI, as in September 2012 the More Than Gold Team disbands and is seeking the continued use of all the volunteers recruited in communities, being a legacy from the 2012 Games. This could be as members of your 'CNI Group', the potential is to recruit many of these 1,000+ volunteers so that their skills, training and experience can be transferred into supporting your communities as CNI volunteers.

For more info and to sign up interest in Games Pastors go to www.morethangold.org.uk and select the Games Pastors link.

Could we also encourage you to link in with your local authority as the **Torch Relay** visits areas across the country. It could be that you help out with stewarding at the events around the Torch arrival or that you are out and about on the day handing out lollies, sweets, bottles of water, etc or that the local church run a special event - don't miss this opportunity!

Some of the important dates for the diary for December. Please do pray for Paul and Adam at these various meetings as they seek to promote the work that CNI is doing across the country:

Sat 3rd Dec - Paul and Jean attending Mercy Ministries Fundraising Dinner in Bradford

Mon 5th Dec - Adam meetings with MP's in London

Tue 6th Dec - Jon Burns (UK Director of More than Gold) and Adam to meet with Andrew Stunnell MP, the Minister for Faith Communities in London.

Sun 11th Dec - Adam will be on BBC Three Counties Radio between 7.00am and 9.00am discussing faith related issues with Toby Friener.

Tue 13th Dec - Paul attending Safer Future Communities - A Change in Commissioning Landscape day in London.

Sat 17th Dec - Adam and Becky are getting married in Bedford...

Sun 18th Dec - Planned interview with Paul on Aled Jones Sunday morning BBC Radio 2 programme then a link to local radio stations across the UK

Sun 25th Dec - Merry Christmas!

January - our Annual Report will go live on-line, please email hello@cni-network.org.uk a years review of your project...



A record number of people are expected to take part in the fourth annual Big Lunch on Sunday 3rd

June 2012. The Big Jubilee Lunch will proudly support Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

HOPE is partnering and supporting the Big Lunch, an Eden Project initiative that aims to get as many people as possible across the UK to have lunch with their neighbours once a year.

We think the Jubilee is a major opportunity for the Church to join in what is going on in their communities or to host a big lunch in a street near your church. HOPE are working on some amazing resources, including a Grace which will be broadcast on 3rd June at 12.30pm by Her Majesty the Queen, and ideas that will help you to use this brilliant mission opportunity - more soon.

The Eden Project started The Big Lunch in 2009 and thousands of community events have taken place in streets, parks and community venues each year. More in the Press Release: Church called to be centre of Queen's Big Lunch Resources, information, ideas and more will be available in the new year from HOPE! Visit www.thebiglunch.com for more details.