



Jean, Paul and Adam walked from Fort William to Inverness along the Caledonian Canal in September to pray from coast to coast for the work of CNI and local projects and also to help raise much needed funds towards our ongoing work.



Setting off on Sunday 17th September the group completed 28 miles on the first day taking in the tow paths and de-tours to nearby towns. Because of the heavy rain the group were advised not to walk along the mainly mountain bike paths around the Lochs so day 2 saw them scale down to 5 miles on accessible footpaths around Loch Ness. The third day started at Loch End and finished 7 miles away on shores of the Beaulieu Firth in Inverness. Paul and Jean then walked the 7 miles back to Loch End with Adam staying in Inverness. Paul and Jean both walked 47 miles with Adam completing 40 miles.

Along the way the group prayed for the work within the night-time economy and for each of the local projects and partner organisations of CNI. They chatted to people they met and all they spoke to were impressed with the fantastic results happening across the country.



The walk was part of a CNI Week of Prayer which encouraged people, projects and

churches to thank God for all that is happening in terms of crime reduction and creating a binge to better culture and then challenged people to pray for the work that goes on.

If you would like to sponsor Jean, Paul and Adam then there is still opportunity - cheques payable "Christian Nightlife Initiatives" can be sent to Fairtrade Café, 15 Crossley Street, Halifax, HX1 1UG or text DUCK22 £amount to 70070 or visit www.cninetwork.org.uk for online giving. A video diary of the week is also on the CNI web site with pictures available on our Facebook group.

Thanks to all who have supported this venture and all helped raise nearly £1000 to date - the £700 bed and breakfast, food and petrol costs will be met by Jean, Paul and Adam so all monies raised will go to CNI.



Please pray for: *the new works started this month in Leeds and Blackpool; those towns looking at starting work in the night-time including Oldham, St Alban's, Crowborough (East Sussex), Biggleswade, Burton-upon-Trent; finances for CNI Network and the salaries and expenses of Paul and Adam; the Regional Leadership Team as they meet this month to look at, pray and plan for the future; the hundreds of volunteers who commit to making the difference on the streets week in and week out; a proposed tv series around Making The Difference as a trial series is filmed this month; finances for every local project; work around Halloween weekend - generally one of the busiest nights of the year. A Prayer Resource is available at www.cninetwork.org.uk*

In September [Blackpool and Flyde Street Angels](#) was launched with support from a group of Halifax Street Angels. The team are trialing the scheme for the Illuminations season and will run again over the Christmas period and then again from Easter onwards. Blackpool has a thriving night-life and the team hope to cover the main area of this around the North Pier and town centre. Please pray for Alan and Paul as they head up this work and for an increase in volunteers from the Blackpool area.



Stockton Town Pastors have had an [Independent Evaluation](#) of the work they do carried out. The result is an excellent document which goes into detail about the impact on the town, the perception of the project from others, direct results, etc. It is certainly worth a read and is a valuable document for those looking at starting a new project or wanting to see the impact within a town - it is on www.stocktontownpastors.co.uk - Downloads page (along with the latest Stockton Town Pastors Newsletter).

Agape have produced a video "[Reckless Love for a Reckless Nation](#)" which features Paul Blakey as part of the interviews with partner organisations. You can see this at www.cninetwork.org.uk on the Blog page.

CNI were part of the [More Than Gold Big Briefing](#) held in London in September. More Than Gold is the churches response to the Olympics and CNI are part of the team coordinating Games Pastors which will see between 1000 and 3000 Christians based at airports, train stations, main tourist attractions and Olympic corridors in July and August. The volunteer recruitment for this is now open - www.morethangold.org.uk. CNI are also working with FGBMFI to hire a trailer with PA equipment to tour round London during the Games and provide entertainment, testimony, announcements, etc. If you can help with this or know of a trailer we can use contact Paul - paul@cninetwork.org.uk



From The Guardian Northerner Blog - for full article see - www.guardian.co.uk/uk/he-northerner

Beth Tash used to club in the city as a student. Now she's back as a pastor with a 'message of life and a mission of love'

Leeds is making an interesting name for itself in religious circles by appointing 'Pioneering Ministers' to a range of communities which the Anglican diocese sees as today's equivalents of the traditional parish.

We've already got Rev Rob Hinton pioneering away in the Business Community a post created in 2009 and Rev James Barnett has been doing the same in New Communities since last year.

Now Pastor Beth Tash takes on the most eye-catching job yet, as Pioneering Minister to the Night Time Economy. She'll be commissioned on Wednesday evening, 7 September, appropriately as twilight gathers over the hotspots in The Calls, Lower Briggate and elsewhere.

Tash is 27 and has previously worked as youth pastor at St George's church, famous for its crypt shelter and an immense amount of outreach in central Leeds. She's lived in the city for nine years, initially as a student and latterly in her pastoral role.

Her salary will be paid centrally by the church's Archbishops' Council and the diocese is leaving her free to interpret the best approach to the job. She expects to start off by talking to night-time workers, building links with local churches, praying with others and bringing "a message of life and a mission of love". There are boundless possibilities, she reckons.

Speaking in advance of the commissioning service, Tash says: "Leeds has a great reputation among students and young people and I have



personally enjoyed the great music and great venues. I like the atmosphere - it's quite chilled out. So I've really enjoyed it and I think it will be very interesting seeing it from the perspective of the people who run the venues or put on the events. At one end of it is the clubbing scene which is mainly younger people and students, then there are more and more bars and restaurants which get those in their 20s and above - there can be something more conversational in that environment. Then there's what's happening on the streets and part of the role is working the police, the council and with the Street Chaplains looking at safer streets. I'll also be looking at whether we could put on events in the city, or have creative and visual work in the city, on the Headrow or Briggate, say, or a 24/7 'Sacred space' to invite people into."

Please pray for Beth in this exciting new role...



An afternoon of entertainment with Adrian Plass

4.00pm till 7.00pm, **Wednesday 26th October 2011**
Moggerhanger Park, Bedfordshire

Tickets - £20.00 (to include light buffet and drink on arrival)

£5 from the sale of each ticket sold through a local project will benefit that project

To book (individual or group) contact Adam hello@cni-network.org.uk /
07736 949869 (*please tell us which project you would like to support*)



Adrian Plass is a writer and speaker who has produced over thirty books in the last twenty years. The best known of these is probably *The Sacred Diary of Adrian Plass*, a gentle satire on the modern church, which has sold hundreds of thousands of copies worldwide. This and other books have travelled to other countries and are translated into a number of foreign languages. Other books include biography, novels, short stories, a fictionalised account of the author's experiences as a residential child care worker, and collections of poems and sketches. A bemused Anglican, Adrian lives with his wife and daughter at Scargill House.

Tue 4th Oct - Adam at More Than Gold and Dyslexia Training day

Wed 5th Oct - Paul and Adam meeting Lesley Cheeseman - CEO Agape UK

Thu 6th Oct - Adam speaking to Churches Together in Burton-upon-Trent about launching Street Angels

Sat 8th Oct - Adam attending Bedford Street Angels celebration

Mon 10th Oct - Adam at More Than Gold Games Pastors briefing

Wed 12th Oct - Adam and Paul meeting with the Rt. Hon. Simon Hughes and Martin Blackwell, CEO of Association of Town Centre Managers

Fri 14th - Sun 16th Oct - Paul holding SA-CNI display at FGBMFI Conference, Nottingham

Fri 14th Oct - Adam and Becky attending New Christian Media Awards Evening

Mon 17th - Tue 18th Oct - Paul and Adam at Community Franchising event in Milton Keynes

Thu 20th Oct - Adam at More Than Gold meeting, London

Sat 22nd Oct - Paul and Adam speaking at Youthwork Summit in Manchester

Wed 26th / Thu 27th Oct - filming for Making The Difference TV series, CNI Regional Leadership Group gathering / Adrian Plass event - Moggerhanger Park, Bedford

Sat 29th Oct - Paul attending a training event for projects in North East England run by Stockton Town Pastors and meeting Boro Angels, Hartlepool Town Pastors and Stockton TP volunteers.

Mike French from **Bournemouth Church for the Night** reports a brilliant response at the night in September as part of Bournemouth Light Festival with over 500 people young and old coming through the doors of the church - more on this next month and on the CNI Blog.

If you are buying items on-line (Christmas shopping already) then please sign up to **Give As You Live** and support the work of CNI and several local projects at no cost to yourself as you shop. You can even download an app which takes you to shops that give - www.giveasyoulive.com - search for Street Angels Christian Nightlife Initiatives as the charity - more info at www.wehelpedu.org.uk (you can also donate an old car!) Several local projects are collecting votes as part of the **Nat West Community Force** to receive £6K - if this is you please add the link to www.facebook.com/cni-network ...