

FRENDZ PREGNANCY CRISIS COUNSELLING SERVICE

This is a pregnancy advisory service to be run by trained Christian volunteers drawn from churches in the area. The first round of training has commenced. It will be held downstairs in Troqueer Church Hall and should be currently running, but further info can be obtained from Maggie Gurney (01387 720 827). The service aims to offer any woman who finds herself with an unwanted pregnancy/is struggling with a current pregnancy, or has had a termination of pregnancy, the chance to discuss their problems with a listening, trained, non-judgmental Christian who will take her through the options. The service will also be open to men who are affected by these issues. It is hoped that this will become recognized as part of services available through D&G NHS.

All Christian volunteers are welcome to be a part of the project, although it is unlikely that there will be another training course until the end of the year.

Volunteers can help in a variety of ways. There will be opportunities for people who can commit to pray for the project, people who can help in practical ways with decorating for example, people who can offer times as voluntary receptionists, people who can offer befriending, and finally, people who can train to become counsellors.

It is recommended that all those involved take part in the training at some point.

If you can offer time to this invaluable ministry, please contact Maggie Gurney on maggie.gurney@dsl.pipex.com.

FINAL THOUGHT

We as the members of the Ministry Purpose Group hope that this leaflet will enable everyone within the church to find an area where they can practically serve others, demonstrating Christ's love in action.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Other Organisations

Ministry



alive radio

Care
for the
Family

Opportunities for service in the local community through Dumfries Baptist Church

Be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart, consider what great things He has done for you.

1 Samuel 12:24

If your gift
is serving others, serve them well.

Romans 1:7



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TODDLER GROUP

Toddler groups are run in the Church Hall on Mondays 1pm, Tuesdays 10am and Wednesdays 9.30am of each week. It welcomes all parents and their toddlers for a few hours of relaxed conversation and play. It is our hope that, as friendships grow and people talk to each other, the good news of the gospel might be shared. We have teams of volunteers who help out by preparing teas and coffees and we also have some people who just come in to talk and share with the parents who attend.

If you feel you could help in either of these roles, or you would like more information please contact Lesley Tait on 01387 253 142.

GIRLZONE

Girlzone is a meeting for primary aged girls to have fun together and learn more about God in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Meetings consist of games, listening times (the teaching time where girls sit and listen to part of a Bible story and any other relevant illustrations based on the same issues), craft activities and refreshments. Singing, drama and dance are also incorporated though not every week.

Girlzone meets on Thursday evenings 6.30-7.45pm in the upstairs hall of the Church.

If you feel you could help and contribute to any of the above activities and can commit regularly, please contact either Joy Ransom on 01387 710 863 or Sharon Meek on 01387 270 294.

Childrens Work

ALIVE RADIO

Alive Radio is a Christian Radio station. This project is fairly new and there are loads of opportunities to help. Preparations are being made to create a 24 hour broadcast. Alive Radio has been given a community radio licence from Ofcom. The intention is to have this up and running in early 2009. The station is Christian and has a Christian following but it is also hoped that having a local station like this will help to spark an interest in people outside the Christian community. At the moment the work is all voluntary and team members are needed for; designing and building the studio, fundraising, PR, programming, technical, admin, and prayer!

The current team meet monthly, 7.30pm on the first Monday of each month in Kings, to plan and feedback.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact Mark Smith on 01387 264 646, or Pete Best on 01387 254 444.

VOLUNTEER ACTION

Volunteer action can help you access a vast variety of different types of voluntary work in the local area, to serve the community in practical ways, demonstrating Christ's love in action.

Contact volunteer action on 01387 267 311 or e-mail info@volunteeraction.co.uk.

For further information see website: www.volunteeraction.co.uk

Other Organisations

D&G BEFRIENDING PROJECT

Dumfries and Galloway Befriending Project is a well established local charity giving short term support to 8 - 18 year olds living within a 40-mile radius of Dumfries (or in Newtown Stewart and the Machars.)

An early intervention service the Project exists to:

- Promote the well being of Young People who are isolated, going through a difficult period, unable to access social activities or affected by the lifestyle of other family members.
- Offer one-to-one befriending - a Young Person with a safe adult - spending a minimum of two hours per week, enjoying an activity, e.g. going for a walk, chatting, generally 'having fun' or enjoying a community event.
- Make a huge difference to the Young Person's life by giving them a break from day-to-day pressures, boosting their confidence thus building resilience and improving their life chances.
- Provide someone to talk to - a non judgmental, reliable person who will turn up. A befriender can help the young person tackle difficulties before they get too big.
- Offer opportunities to learn new skills
- Channel energies positively and encourage young people to expand their horizons and develop new skills ultimately leading to positive independent adults.

Volunteer befrienders - making a difference - are men and women from all walks of life with some time on their hands and an interest in young people. They receive training, ongoing support and out of pocket expenses.

More information is available by phoning 01387 247812 or checking the website www.befriending.org

Other Organisations

BOYZONE

Boyzone is a meeting for primary aged boys for indoor activities based on FUN energetic games, promoting team work and developing social skills. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 6.30-7.45pm in the church hall. Volunteers for the sessions could help in a variety of ways from being involved in running the games, or assisting the person leading, to preparing juice and snacks, or helping clear the church of chairs before and after the group meeting.

If you are interested in helping out and can commit on a weekly basis, please contact Marcus Scotney on 01387 251 357 or marcus@dbcyouth.org.uk.

KIDS EXTREME

River of Life church is currently running a children's ministry for primary aged children. It is based on the format of Metro Ministries which is an outreach to deprived children in New York aimed at sharing the gospel. The ministry is an upbeat, fun club where the message of Jesus and Biblical principals are taught. Meetings are in the Lincluden Community centre and there is also a hope to take the ministry to schools.

The format is prayer first, upbeat worship songs, and then teaching using a visual style and also games. Another aim of the ministry is practical help for children and their families.

The club runs fortnightly on Mondays from 5.30-6.30pm. For more details about what you could do to help, contact Steven McCorkindale on 07974394111 or 01387 268458.

Childrens Work

HOW TO DRUG PROOF YOUR KIDS

This is a new area of ministry that the Church is getting involved with. It is a course that consists of 6 sessions from Care For The Family that provides a place where parents can discuss the challenges of drugs and learn from each other. It is essentially a parenting course which helps to develop communication skills and other areas and informs parents about drugs, and their effects.

The pilot course is up and running, but we hope to run further courses in the near future. The long term aim is to make it available throughout the local area to parents from all kinds of backgrounds.

People could help at sessions by setting up and clearing away, making teas and coffees etc

If you would like more information contact Dawn Rideout on 01387 268 230 or Jane Rafferty on 01387 268 066.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

As this leaflet is going to print the church is about to undertake a new area of ministry in the form of marriage preparation courses. The format to be used will be the one that came out of Holy Trinity Brompton, who also created the Alpha Course. The course is based on Christian values and is suitable for believers and non-believers alike. It will run for either 5 weeks, or 2 weekends. Jonathan and Heather Kneeshaw will be running the course which in the first instance will be available to people within the Church but in the long term, we hope to make it available to the wider community. The format will probably include an informal meal as part of the course, and help in this area will be required. Jonathan and Heather would also like to hear from other married couples who would be interested in training to lead this course.

If you are interested in this area of ministry please contact Jonathan Kneeshaw on 01683 221 128.

Courses we run

CHRISTIAN CARE FOR THE HOMELESS

CCH is a Christian charity that reaches out in love to people who are homeless, or building lives for themselves after being homeless. The help offered is primarily practical, however, opportunities to share the gospel with people can open up while volunteering. Christian volunteers are needed for most of the Charities activities. Opportunities exist in the drop-in centre where meals and a safe, warm environment are offered. Volunteers are needed for cooking the food, serving the food and also being someone to care and listen, without passing judgment.

Lunches are served on Tuesdays 10-3pm, Wednesdays 12-2pm, Thursdays 12-2pm, and dinner 6.30-7.30pm. Lunch is also served Saturdays 12-2pm.

There is also the opportunity to help with the furniture project which is based at Shirley Road Unit, Lochside. This project receives and delivers used furniture to people all over the region who need this practical help. Volunteering opportunities include working in the warehouse, working with vans and delivering etc.

If you are interested in helping in the drop-in please contact Mark Smith 01387 264 646 or the office on 01387 248 000.

For the furniture project call Dave on 01387 269 070.

PASSING THE BATON

A new project run by Bethany Christian Trust to enable volunteers to work with those who have been previously homeless and are now needing a network of new friends to encourage them through the first 6 months of independent living. Volunteers work in teams of 3 or 4 to encourage and facilitate introductions to the local community. This may include things like accompany them to church, medical appointment, shopping, recreational trip and introducing them to our network of friends. It may also include working as part of a DIY hit squad. In the first instance, contact Alan Donaldson for more information 01387 268300.

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