



(Matthew 25: 35-45)

Dear Pastor, Minister, Vicar, Elder, Church Member, previous team members and potential new team members

I would be most grateful if you would kindly circulate the following request to all members of your congregation through your notices, magazine and the social media pages you may operate.

WINTER NIGHT SHELTERS

Following last winter's successful Winter Night Shelter for "rough sleepers" I am pleased to advise you that the Shelter will be opening again on January 3rd until March 24th/25th 2018.

We are therefore looking for volunteers to staff the three shifts that we need to operate, i.e. 7.00 – 10.30 pm (the so called early evening shift), 10.00 pm – 6.30 am (the overnight shift) and 6.00 - 8.30 am (the early morning shift).

We are asking both new and previous volunteers to enrol by coming along to **one** of our training meetings. For those who have volunteered previously this will be a refresher but with some new material in the light of experience.

For people who are volunteering for the first time you will learn and be advised what we do and how we are to do it. It is also an opportunity for those who are unsure to learn what is involved, to ask questions and to network with people who thoroughly enjoyed serving their Lord in this way last winter.

From our experience last winter, we do believe it is important that you attend one of these sessions, so the steering committee has agreed that attendance is required for acceptance as a volunteer. You only need to attend one session and as you will see below, there is a morning, an afternoon and an evening option.

The training and enrolment sessions will be held at Welling Baptist Church, Axminster Crescent, Welling, DA19 1HF – on Saturday 4th November 9.30am -12.30pm, Wednesday 15th November 7.30 -9.30pm (refreshments will be available from 7.00) and Saturday 25th November 2.00 -5.00pm. There is a church car park and street parking is possible.

It will be most helpful in catering and preparing handouts etc. if you could just drop me a note of your intention to come along (BWNS18@outlook.com).

Thank you

Melvyn French (coordinator)

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