

**SPEAKER: Phillip Jones - Futures Unlocked**

Phillip explained that teams from Futures Unlocked was a registered charity which provide Community Chaplaincy Services both in a practical and spiritual way to people coming out of prison and trying to integrate back into the community.

This was being done mainly within the Warwickshire area but just recently funding has ben gained and so services have been broadened into Leicestershire and Rutland. This is mostly covered by Christians but also other faiths are involved.

Often people are institutionalised and they don't cope very well upon release and often feel frightened and sometimes suicidal. Impartial advice is given from mentors who have been trained. Statistics prove that this works as none of the people who have gone through the Futures Unlocked have been sent back to prison.

Jeff Bonser asked if this service was for men only. Phillip explained that it was mainly men but also women are referred as well. Angela Zemlak asked who refers the people upon release. Phillip said that people can self-refer but also Probation Officers can refer them who they have been under whilst still in prison and has been part of their Sentence Plan.

Phillip asked for the following:

- i) Volunteers,
- (ii) donations of money to keep this going,
- (iii) prayers

He added that more information can be obtained from the website - [www.futuresunlocked.org](http://www.futuresunlocked.org) Barry Osborne added that there is also a powerpoint presentation available on line.

Barry prayed – I was in prison and you visited me. He thanked God for the vision and for the Futures Unlocked amazing power and what changes it has on people lives and asked people to pray for their involvement in this project.