Churches Together in Harborough

Newsletter November / December 2023

Please pass on this information to your church in any appropriate way. Please check our website for any updates. **https://www.harboroughchurches.org.uk/**

Bower House Firewalk Fundraiser – November 24th

Cara and Loraine (The Bower House Service coordinators) are firewalking for the Bower House in November. If you would like to sponsor them, please visit the Bower House or their 'Just Giving' page at WWW.JUSTGIVING.COM/PAGE/BOWERHOUSEFIREWALK
They are hoping to raise £1500. (This amount would pay for 60 counselling sessions for those that need to access counselling but are experiencing financial challenges.) Thank you for your support!
(Firewalking is a practice that involves walking on a bed of hot coals or embers and has been used for centuries to test physical and mental limits and explore the relationship between fear, fire, and belief. Certified Firewalking Instructors will give a presentation, sharing their knowledge and experiences with the group. Following the presentation, participants are invited to walk across the coals, prepared by a team of professional instructors and tenders.)

The Bower House Christmas Coffee Morning – December 2nd at Market Harborough Theatre

The Bower House Christmas Coffee Morning will take place at Harborough Theatre on the 2nd December - 9:30-12pm. There will be stalls, a tombola, tea, coffee and bacon 'buttys', as well as some delicious sweet treats. Please save the date – the Bower House Team would love to see you there.

Fairtrade Town Market Harborough invite you to a fund raising Coffee Morning and Lunch on Saturday 25th November from 10am to 2pm. Come to the Youth Wing at the Methodist Church on Northampton Road (opposite the Market Hall).

Refreshments include:- Fairtrade drinks, tea, coffee hot chocolate. Home - made cakes using fairtrade foods.

Lunch:- Choice of soup using fairtrade ingredients.
Bacon Baps and Vegetarian Sausage Rolls
Fair Trade gifts made by hand by small scale traders.

The CUBE is looking for extra staff to work in a team with young people up until Christmas.
It is for 6 hours each Wednesday 3-9pm at £10.90 per hour.
If you know anyone who might be interested please ask them to contact us admin@thecubeyouth.uk or 01858 437650.

Dawn O'Connell
Chair of Trustees
Harborough Youth and Community Trust

The Cube Christmas Cracker
On Saturday 2nd December we will be hosting our annual Christmas event with a very special guest. There will be:

- Christmas crafts
- Treasure hunt
- Sensory play
- Santas grotto
- Refreshments

Tickets:

- Children aged 2-12 £5 (includes a free drink)
- Adults/Teens aged 13+ £1
- Unders 2's are free

Book your tickets by following the link below:
https://buytickets.at/harboroughyouthcommunitytrust/1019705

All proceeds go towards the work of The Cube.

Greetings from Torch Trust!

I'm reaching out because we're entering a new season at Torch of which we'd like to make the Harborough church community aware.

Did you know that we are now working with Compass Braille to produce the Braille Bible in as many as 55 languages? In fact, seven more languages are about to be transcribed for India alone! Torch Trust moved the equipment from Ware to Market Harborough in early October and two orders have already shipped.

As we take on the administration of Compass Braille, alongside our many endeavours to engage with old and new clients, support is needed in several departments. We would be keen for others from the Harbourough church community to join us.

To this end, we are offering two new paid positions. The roles are described below with further detail in the attached job descriptions. We would greatly appreciate your passing these on to the network!

1) Admin Support: Development Team and Operations

In entering a new fiscal year, Torch trust is excited about the opportunities at hand to serve a much greater client base through our work with Compass Braille in producing braille Bibles in many languages. At the same time, we continue to provide our existing clients with meaningful connections through established programs and new initiatives. All of this requires a great deal of behind-the-scenes work in event planning, communications, volunteer and donor relations, health & safety, and bookkeeping.

Are you an administration minded individual who lights up at the sound of this? If so, we would like to meet you!

For more details, please see our job description attached. You may also call us on 01858 438260 and arrange a call back from Mandy or Linda.

Up to thirty-four hours per week are allotted in all, which can be split into more than one role depending on the applicant's skills, interests, and availability. Most of the work can be managed from home, so home working is an option if you do not live local to Torch House in Market Harborough.

2) Client Services Adviser Opportunity

Torch Trust supports thousands of people who are blind or partially-sighted, helping them to encounter Jesus, grow in their faith and thrive in Christian community. Many of these people contact our Client Services Team by phone or email. We are now recruiting a part-time Client Services Adviser so that we can better connect with the people who receive our services as well as those who support us in various ways.

Please contact us if you are excited about the work of Torch and how this role helps this work. We are hoping that this role will be filled with someone with experience in a customer service setting, but if you do not have that experience, still get in touch as we are happy to explore recruiting someone as a Trainee Client Service Adviser.

For more details, please see our job description attached. You may also call us on 01858 438260 and arrange a call back from Keren or email info@torchtrust.org . This role may be based in Torch House, Market Harborough or home-based, depending on your location. It is for 22 hours per week (Between Monday and Thursday).

COMMUNICATIONS HELP NEEDED

We need someone to take over the communications role for CTH. The role is not huge and involves organising the rota for the weekly Church Talk column in the *Harborough Mail* and forwarding contributions (with any minor adjustments needed) to the appropriate staff at the newspaper. It also involves compiling the occasional CTH newsletter from submitted information, and occasionally producing reports or alerts for the *Mail*, Harborough FM, and the CTH website Some communications experience might be helpful but is not necessary – some mentoring would be available. If you or anyone you know in your church might be able to consider this, please contact the current Communications Officer Derek Williams on communications@harboroughchurches.org.uk

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