

Dear Roger

Welcome to the Together4Bristol website newsletter - December 2023

Happy Christmas Everyone!!

The wintery weather is finally here, take it steady on all those icy surfaces! Hope you enjoy the advent and Christmas season and please take a moment to checkout our Together4Bristol Website 100 Friends Christmas Appeal!

Blessings to you and yours!



Latest News







It's their first Christmas at a food bank...



Could your church be a 'Welcoming Space'?

Bristol Churches City Fund: Support for Welcome Spaces 2023 Campaign

TEN's November News and latest News@TEN

Latest Events

See web



<u>Mon 4 Dec - Love Family Prayer</u> Sarah and David Abell's House (BS9 Please email for address)

Sat 9 Dec - Global Day of Action Various locations round the UK



Sat 9 Dec - Metal Christmas Carols! The Hatchet Pub upstairs room, Frogmore Street, Bristol town centre

Sat 9 Dec - Men's Breakfast Knowle Methodist Church Hall, 317 Wells Rd, BS4 2QB





Wed 13 Dec - Holy Messenger Online - Zoom

Sat 13 Jan - Elevate Unscripted Elevate Unscripted The Forum in Bath, 1A Forum Buildings, Bath, BA1 13 January 2024





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Tue 5-Sun 17 Dec - Prodigal Arts Pop Up Sale SPARKS Ground Floor, 78 Broadmead, Bristol, BS1 3DS

Sat 24 Feb - 2024 Y and C Conference! St Michael's Centre in Stoke Gifford, BS34 8PD

Christmas Trees and Gifts for Prisoners

work and the Christmas Gift Project.

This year Sixty-One is taking part in Treefest, an

opportunity for us to tell thousands of visitors about our

2023 Christmas Gift Bag Project Fundraiser Now Open!

At a time when self-harming and suicide rates are high,

this act of unconditional kindness has a huge impact.

Some Other News



A Call for Compassion: Become a Lifeline for Ukrainian Refugees We are asking for your help. Can you offer safe shelter to a Ukrainian refugee in need?

Bristol's Welcoming Spaces This Winter

As a result of our foresight, Bristol was one of the first cities to develop a planned local response to the cost of living crisis.



Bristol Churches City Fund: Support for Welcome Spaces 2023 Campaign

.we're seeking to encourage the Christian community across the city to give generously into the Churches City Fund to enable us to provide funding for these initiatives.



Bristol City of Sanctuary Newsletter Nov 2023 we are dedicated to ensuring that every person seeking sanctuary feels welcomed and safe within Bristol, with their contributions to the community being valued.



1.5 MILLION ENCY FOOD PARCELS DED IN THE LAST SIX

1.5 Million Food Parcels Given Out In 6 Months This is the highest number of parcels our network of food banks has ever distributed in this six-month period.



The Big Picture magazine Issue 08 has arrived! ... it aims to embody and express the myriad ways in which Christ plays in all of life: In people, in art, in places, in nature, in politics, in food, in music, in literature, in film, in sport, and in countless other areas.

Resources

Courses



Would you be willing to support someone and give them hope?

there are people with criminal convictions who need a mentor like you to support them to reach their goals and change their life.



Intersted in training as a Spiritual Direction / Companion? We are now offering a 2 year 'blended' course to allow greater access to training. This consists of 2 semesters a year of teaching and experiential sessions on Zoom, with residential weekends and face to face workshop days. Read more

Latest Job Vacancies

Regional Engagement Coordinator Refugee Lodging Scheme Support Worker inHope: Housing Empowerment Worker inHope: Wild Goose Activity Worker - Part Time inHope: Spring of Hope - Night Support Workers inHope: Spring of Hope - Admin Officer **Cleaner: Woodlands Church Adventure Youth Worker: Urban Pursuit**

Latest Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteering needs at inHope Welcoming Spaces Volunteers Fleet support: Fareshare South West Parent Buddies Trustee x 2 Bristol Methodist Centre New Volunteer roles 2023 **Bristol Tea and Tech Volunteer Beloved Voluntary Volunteer Coordinator Beloved Volunteer Fundraiser** Roofbreaker Local Church Disability Champion Filwood Hope - Charity Trustee St Luke's Lunch, School Holiday Volunteer **Bristol Street Pastors Community Radio Show Volunteers** Incredible Kids Volunteer Play-Worker **Parent Buddies Volunteer Opportunities** Volunteer at The New Room Trustee **Drop-In Volunteer** Have some furniture to donate? Bristol Hospitality Network alongside Asylum Seekers Food Appeal Collection

Forward this email

Please send this e-newsletter on to folks who maybe interested in receiving it in the future or who may wish to register with the site and get involved or perhaps someone who may just enjoy perusing the website and reading some articles.

Basically please distribute freely and widely!

Hope you stay well and warm and enjoy time with your loved ones this Christmas! Love Adam and Roger

Footnote suggestion of joy: Make a beautiful Christmas wreath from whatever natural materials you have nearby (Ivy, Willow, Hazel, Dogwood etc.), stuff with greenery, hang your creation on your front door and spread some Christmas joy and hope of new life and light entering the world despite the darkness!

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