

SCUNTHORPE CENTRE OF MISSION

April 2019

Welcome!

This is our first newsletter of 2019. We can't believe that already Paul and myself (Sean) have been in Scunthorpe for 18 months now and during our time here lots of exciting things have happened.



Where is Scunthorpe Centre of Mission Based?

Captain Sean Andrews and Captain Paul McDonough work over an initial three areas of Scunthorpe - the Riddings Estate, Westcliff and Berkley. These three areas are identified as areas of deprivation and need from a greater to lesser extent depending on the area, Westcliff being the most deprived and Berkley being the least deprived socio economically. The aim is that the Centre of Mission grows beyond these three areas, which is already happening with activities in Brumby and Crosby.

What's happening?

Christmas was very busy with lots of events and visits to and from the various schools we both go into across the Riddings, Westcliff and Berkley areas. Christmas saw positive work in the classrooms talking about Advent and Christmas, school Christingle services and because of the input into our local schools we saw an increase in the numbers attending Christingle and Crib services across the area that the COM covers. We thank God for the opportunities we have in going into our local schools and colleges and whatever that entails.

In November we took part in the 'There but not There' commemoration of the end of the First World War which attracted people who usually would not come through a church door opening the doors initially for 4 weeks but has led to Holy Spirit Church being open 7 days a week for anyone who wishes to come in for a quiet space or to chat. We pray that the encounters that local people had during this time across the COM were meaningful and sincere.

Paul during the year started a silent prayer group on a Thursday which has attracted a number of people into the Church of the Resurrection as well as a Tuesday chat session which has non church folk attending. Paul and Sue have both been canvassing Berkley with events that are happening around that area both door to door and in the school

playgrounds to raise the profile of the local church and what it can offer in terms of support and events.

Paul's coordination of the Foodbank which is every Friday at the Haven is invaluable as it provides practical and needed assistance as well as a listening ear and prayer support for those who would like it. Without Paul's commitment to this on Thursdays when stocking up and Fridays when distributing food to those in need, the Foodbank would struggle to operate. Please pray for those in our communities who need this help on a regular basis.

Developing Community Space.

In Westcliff we continue to develop the Haven on Dorchester Road and we are looking at ways to reach out more into that community. The building is being used more and more by local people and groups.

At The Haven we have launched a regular Mossy Church event which happens every month on the 4th Saturday of each month. We started initially in April 2018 with planting a memorial hedge with the local young peoples bereavement group. After a lot of planning our regular sessions started in January 2019 building wildlife habitats and in February we made and filled bird feeders and put up bird boxes. In April we are having a Mossy Easter celebration where we will be exploring the Easter story through nature.

We aim to use the haven more and more to build the worshipping community there and through Mossy Church we have had our first baptism request which we are following up.

We are developing community space at Holy Spirit on the Riddings with Mums and toddlers group and a regular weekly breakfast club and through these activities with Inspiring Family Solutions we have seen growth in the local congregation.



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GET INVOLVED

There are many ways in which you can support this work:

- Prayer
- Volunteering
- Financial support

Volunteering

If you would like to come along and get involved then again please get in touch.



Prayers

Prayer is such an important part of your support. We need God's help in every aspect of our work.

Thank you...

- Thank God for some great networks and relationships already developed
- Thank God for the success of the special services held
- Thank God for the opportunities we have already had to develop community
- Thank God for the Community Payback Team

Please...

- Pray for Sean and Paul and our families
- Pray that folk will see and hear the Gospel through our work
- Pray that the organisations we partner with will see our worth
- Pray for that relationships built so far will deepen and that there will be more opportunities to share faith in relevant and meaningful ways

Financial Support

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We don't take your support for granted, so thank you so much for standing with us. I want to pray for you so please let us know how we can, by emailing sean.andrews@lincoln.anglican.org or captainpmcd@gmail.com

Thank you!

Sean & Paul

Captain Sean Andrews
Church Army

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