



# BARNABUS

Bringing hope to the homeless and vulnerable

## OUTREACH

### Greetings in the beautiful name of Jesus

Over the last few days we have seen God work in a mighty way.

As many of you know, Barnabus submitted an application with Manchester City Council for planning permission to extend and adapt our Beacon drop-in. We unfortunately came across some strong opposition from a few of our neighbours but we're pleased to say that despite this 'praise God', permission has been granted!

Thank you for all your faithful support and prayers. We unfortunately, continue to experience discontent in the neighbourhood about this decision. Please pray for us and for our neighbours, to waylay any fears they may have, so we can build fruitful and peaceful relationships, which allow us to continue helping those in the direst need.

This is such an important time of growth and more than ever we need your support. We already have £50,000 which has come in from fundraising and gifts in support of our brick appeal. We need a total of £150,000 to complete the extension and building work. Please consider supporting us financially or raising funds for us at [www.justgiving.com/brickappeal](http://www.justgiving.com/brickappeal). We thank you for your continued support for our work with our friends on the streets and for your generosity.

Love and little fishes,

Peter and Beryl Green



# Day trippin' for some summer fun!



## A day out to Tatton Park, Cheshire

A student called Martyna joined us on a paid placement scheme through Salford University. This was made possible by a charity called UnLtd, which among other things funds a number of paid placements for award winners to work with social enterprises and charities to gain experience. They support students and graduates who have a passion and an idea to make a difference in their community. Martyna blessed us with valuable support over the summer, helping us in particular with some of our foreign language speaking men and women due to her ability to converse in different languages. During her placement, Martyna thought of extra ways that she could support our work. She met with her Student Enterprise Officer and they came up with the idea of applying for funds for 'A Day Out of the Streets'. They were successfully awarded £250 in funding to pay for this day trip.

Martyna writes: "The whole of July this year was extremely and unusually hot. For this reason we decided to organise a day trip away from the city and chose to visit Tatton Park in Cheshire. Monday 29th July was hot and sunny, but also stormy with downpours of rain and thunder. The weather was just perfect for an adventurous trip. We set off from Barnabus with Annette driving the mini bus. A takeaway breakfast was very kindly donated by Prêt a Manger and we started out on our journey. Tatton Park was so beautiful. Everyone enjoyed the Italian and Japanese gardens; spotting big fish and discovering amazing plants in the green houses. We also had a lot of fun trying to find the centre of the maze. We had a lovely lunch in the Tatton park visitor's cafe; baked potatoes and scones with butter and cream, ooh and the coffee tasted amazing! The purpose of this trip was to let the homeless people enjoy a different environment, escaping from their usual daily experiences. The contact with nature relaxed them and let them disengage from their problems and extreme life conditions for at least one day. Everybody loved it and appreciated the time "out".

## Southport, trip to the beach

We've been blessed with a beautiful summer and as a treat for our allotment group, our collaborative allotment host and supporting church 'The Church of the Nazarene' put on a fantastic day trip to the beach.

Diego, one of the ministers of the church, helps run the allotment with us and it was his idea for the church to bless our group with a day out. The sky was blue and the sun was most definitely shining as we took our places on the minibus taking everything we might need for a day at the seaside. It was so exciting to be at the beach together; we rolled out the picnic rugs and blankets for a chilled out lunch in the sun. Some of the group played football, while others sunbathed or went in search of the sea, which if you know Southport, is a long way out! Not only did we paddle in the sea, we also managed to find a shipwreck.

Everyone had a brilliant day and we finished off with a "must have" beach day experience of traditional fish and chips.



# Fundraising and Events

7th December - Santa Dash, Heaton Park

15th December - \*Santa Dash at Manchester United

(\*we need 50 runners in order to register)

More details about these and other current events are on our insert in this issue, or visit our website, to find out more.



## new addition to our team

My name is Darina Hladka and I come from a small but nice country called Slovakia. I started working for Barnabus as a support worker in July this year. At home I worked as a teacher at a secondary school. Last year I came to the UK and took part in the JVC (Jesuit Volunteer Community) programme. I was living in a community doing full time voluntary work for ten months. This is the way I came in contact with homeless and vulnerable people in Manchester. I am always touched by how much Jesus loved and loves the poor and people at the bottom of society. He always looked on them with a special love during his life on Earth. These people are here and many have little or no experience of true love and compassion in their lives, but Jesus wants them to be loved and maybe this is why I feel called to do this work at Barnabus.



**good news** 'M' has learning disabilities and has been coming in to our centre for support. He regularly attended our English and IT classes. When 'M' first came in for help he couldn't read or write; his ability now has dramatically improved and that has greatly improved his confidence. He regularly writes short letters and sends staff encouraging greeting cards. 'M' also attends our bible, cookery and photography classes and now volunteers for us in our drop-in. He is a real blessing to the rest of our volunteer team, always willing to get involved in whatever we need and warmly greets people coming into our centre for support.



**get connected** If you are on Face Book or Twitter, follow us and tell your friends. We're also looking for a volunteer who can spare a few hours to update our latest news stories and grow awareness on our social media sites. Perhaps you have your own website; you could support and raise awareness of our work by partnering with us online. We would send you our logo, a short summary of our work, a link to our website, brick appeal and even our donate now button. So, if you know your tweets from your pokes or would like to support us through your website, please email [carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk](mailto:carol@barnabusmanchester.co.uk) or give her a call on 0161 237 3223.

## donations and storage support

Ready Steady Store in Manchester continue to bless us with a much needed, free, storage unit. However, over the next 2/3 months when people are responding to our Urban and Christmas appeals, we need to find some short term, secure, storage support to store our summer clothing. We also need plastic stackable storage boxes to help us access donations quickly can you help?

**we also need the following items for our drop-in: gloves, blankets, boxer shorts, knickers, (new s/m sizes), trainers, shoes, jeans, coats, sleeping bags, shampoos, shower gel, roll-on deodorant and disposable razors and charity shop: bric-a-brac, kitchen, household, accessories and clothing. pop in with your donations, or enjoy a coffee and a browse. We're easy to find; 473 Wilmslow Rd (on the same side as the Royal Bank of Scotland), Withington M20 4AN**



Please consider praying for the men and women we support. Winter is a desperate time of year, many of our friends suffer additional hardships due to the extreme weather and battle depression as the days become shorter and darker.





# Knock-out visit!

Global Village Champions Foundation founder Yank Barry and former World Champions Evander Holyfield & Ricky Hatton deliver a knock out donation of food and visit our drop-in.

On Friday 4th October like so many other days we served a cooked breakfast to around 37 homeless and vulnerable people in need, but this day wasn't just another day. There was a new anticipation and excitement in the drop-in, Evander Holyfield, 5 times former Undisputed World Champion, was actually coming to see us.

And there's more; when the day came our very own Ricky Hatton, MBE and former World Champion UK boxer, surprised all of us and just turned up out of the blue to support the work of the foundation, meet with Evander and support our work. It was absolutely amazing.

Praise God we were selected to receive donations of food for our drop-in. Evander and Yank arrived with their support team and a van load of food. Volunteers and the men and women who come into our drop-in formed a line on Bloom Street to pass supplies along as Evander and Ricky emptied the van. Many of our guys were able to have their photo taken with Evander and Ricky and had a once in a lifetime chance to chat with them.



Type in the following links into your browser to see interviews featured on Granada Reports and in the MEN.

[www.itv.com/news/granada/2013-10-04/boxing-legend-holyfield-helps-the-homeless/](http://www.itv.com/news/granada/2013-10-04/boxing-legend-holyfield-helps-the-homeless/)

[www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/boxing-legends-join-men-fight-6142568](http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/boxing-legends-join-men-fight-6142568)



## Bright and beautiful!

Our new look charity shop is brighter and more welcoming than ever before, thanks to the generous support of an exceptionally skilled painter and decorator Tom Barnes; also GBM who supported us by producing new signage and a team from Bruntwood who generously fitted the sign for us. Come in, enjoy a coffee and a browse; we have a wide selection of new and pre-loved clothes, shoes, handbags, books, homeware, DVDs and children's clothes and toys.

We are open Mon-Sat, 10am -5pm: 473 Wilmslow Road, Withington, M20 4AN.

We are a very busy shop and are always in need of reliable, cheerful volunteers; could you spare a few hours or a day a week to help us?

Give us a call or download an application form on our website.



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