

HELP WANTED

Prayer

ASLAN really needs your help with prayer. Nothing we do would be possible without God, and we therefore need to be constantly bringing him our thanks, praise and requests. We need to surround all areas of service within ASLAN in prayer and we can't do this without people to pray! Would you be able to spare an hour on the second Sunday of every month? We meet at All Soul's Church, Langham Place at 5pm on those Sundays, and spend an hour in prayer for all aspects of the work. It would be great if you could come and join us. Make it a New Year's resolution, put the dates in your calendar, and come and support ASLAN in this way. Your prayers are so valuable to us. If you can't join the meetings each month, why not receive our monthly prayer sheet? Drop us a note (into ASLAN pigeon-hole at All Soul's Church) or email us (at prayer@aslan.org.uk), and we will gladly add your details to the distribution list.

Visitors

Would you have one Monday night per fortnight free? Would you enjoy a relaxed dinner in a cafe or

pub, chatting? Visitors work in pairs, and take a guest out to dinner once a fortnight. The aim is to become friends and, on the basis of that friendship, see what you can do to help the guest further. This can be practical help, help with business and administrative matters, help coping with bureaucracy, emotional and spiritual support.

These personal friendships make such a huge difference in the lives of our guests. We have many more guests wanting to be visited than there are visitors available. Please pray, and consider joining the team.

And don't forget - every visiting pair is backed up by a prayer partner, who prays for them every other Monday evening whilst they visit. The prayer partner also needs to be available to be called by the two visitors when they return home after visiting. The prayer partner logs key events of note from the evening, prayer requests for the next two weeks, and generally lends a listening/sympathetic ear! This is something you do from home, so could easily be done by someone who is housebound or in some other way unable to be involved in front-line visiting.

Finance

Around 10,000 people are fed and clothed each year on a budget of approximately £27,000. This budget is raised solely from donations. With our new, exciting Project Pathfinder, ASLAN is in need of financial support more than ever. The Project will lay the foundations for a significant increase in the scope and range of our voluntary activities, so going forward, ASLAN will need to find considerably more funds to facilitate. Can you help? If you would like to donate regularly, or with a one-off donation, please pay a visit to the ASLAN website (www.aslan.org.uk), where you can give securely online and/or set up a regular Direct Debit payment online. Alternatively, contact our Treasurer (John Williams) through the ASLAN pigeonhole at All Soul's Church.

Calling All Artists!

Do you have a musical talent, or other skills, that would bring enjoyment to others? Volunteers are needed for our entertainment evenings on Saturdays. You would need to be at the evening for one hour (you don't have to perform for the

full hour!), and be willing and able to share your talent with an audience of up to 60 people. If you would like to be involved, please email Julie Robinson with your contact details (Julie.robinson@aslan.org.uk), or write to her via the ASLAN pigeonhole at All Souls Church. You can also fill in an online volunteer application form at www.aslan.org.uk.

Entertainment Volunteers

We need volunteers for our entertainment evenings on Saturdays. Would you be willing to join a team and commit to one Saturday evening every four weeks? You would need to be available between 6 pm and 10 pm, and the work involves serving dinner to our guests, and then joining them for conversation over dinner. Please see the ASLAN website (www.aslan.org.uk) for more details, and let us know if you would like to volunteer.

ASLAN NEWS is edited by Chris Peacock and Alison Fiddian-Green. If you would like to contribute articles, comments, or photographs, please contact Chris via the ASLAN pigeonhole (Pigeonhole No: 1) at the All Souls Welcome desk.

ASLAN's mission is to manifest God's love to homeless people through our actions