



St Luke's Winter Night Shelter 2015/2016

Clay Hill is taking part in the Enfield Churches Winter Night Shelter Project under the umbrella of All People All Places (APAP). It is a church based 'rolling shelter' run by volunteers providing **food, shelter, warmth and friendship** overnight during the winter months. Each night of the week up to 12 guests are hosted by a different church.



Last winter we hosted the shelter at St Luke's on Friday nights for six weeks in January and February. This winter we will be hosting the shelter on **Friday** nights from **4 December 2015 to 11 March 2016**, except over Christmas when guests have access to Crisis at Christmas facilities.

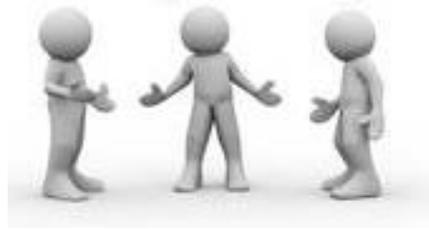
Admittance to the shelter is by referral only via APAP. Only guests with low support needs are referred as the project operates with volunteers rather than trained professionals. People with medium or high support needs will not be referred to shelters. There are rules for guests and they sign a guest agreement to ensure their comfort and safety.



Volunteers are crucial to making the shelter work. There are a number of roles. The **co-ordinator** liaises with APAP and responsibilities include drawing up volunteer rotas; ensuring someone provides meals for evening and breakfast; and getting team leaders for each shift. Peter Livermore is co-ordinator for St Luke's shelter.

Each session of the shelter comprises of 3 shifts: evening (7.00pm to 10.00pm), night (9.45pm to 7.00am), morning (7.00am to 8.30am), and **shift team leaders** are required for each shift with responsibilities including allocating tasks to volunteers; taking key decisions on the day; supporting volunteers; ensuring bedding and towels get taken to the launderette; the communication book and getting it passed to the next church. **Teams of volunteers** are needed for each shift and tasks include welcoming the guests and providing a friendly environment; setting up and clearing away the beds, tables and chairs; serving food. Teams of **cooking volunteers** are needed to prepare and cook evening meals and breakfasts.

What does it take to be a volunteer? Key requirements are anyone who can smile!; has experience of face-to-face work; is non-judgmental; can deal with situations calmly; is willing to take instructions; is responsible; and, most importantly, is reliable - must not be late! Knowledge of first aid is helpful, as is knowledge of homelessness.



If you are interested in volunteering at the shelter, please contact Peter Livermore. Peter's email is peter@plivermore.freeserve.co.uk

There will be a get together for volunteers before the shelter starts on **Friday 20 November 2015 at 7.30** at St Luke's Church.

There is also information about the shelter on the Clay Hill Parish website: <http://www.clayhillparish.org.uk/>, including a volunteer handbook produced by APAP

Donations Welcome

As well as volunteering, **donations** would also be welcome to help run the shelter. Beds and bedding are provided by APAP, and Mothers' Union will provide toiletries, but there are other things that could usefully be donated including hot water bottles, new underwear and socks for men and women, gloves and hand warmers, and clothing. **Cash donations** would also be welcome as there are costs in running the shelter. The main costs are heating and laundry, and additional insurance cover. From our experience last time it is estimated we will need about £2000 to run the shelter this year. If you can donate please sign the gift aid form to increase the value of your donation - many thanks.

APAP is a Christian registered charity. Their aim is simple - they wish to give people who are homeless the tools and help they need to move from being on the margins of society to being a valued community member.



All People All Places

Looking out for the overlooked.

They have three specific strands of work:

1. Winter Night Shelter
2. Health and Wellbeing
3. Day Centre provision

The Parish of CLAY HILL - St. John's & St. Luke's

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Registered Charity number 1151418

GIFT AID DECLARATION

**If you are a UK Tax payer, we can reclaim 25p from the government
For every £1 that you donate. Please tick the box below.**

I wish Gift Aid to apply to the enclosed donation and I confirm I will pay in this tax year an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the amount that all charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs to which I give will reclaim for this year (25p for each £1 given). I understand that other taxes such as Council Tax and VAT do not qualify.

Forename:.....Surname:.....

Address:.....

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Donation amount: £.....

(Please make cheques payable to "St John's and St Luke's PCC")

Signed:.....Date:.....