

# All Saints' Church



## AUTUMN 2010 NEWSLETTER

"I have no Dad and nobody cares about me," said Raoul Moat, the fugitive gunman just before he killed himself. Everyone needs to know that they are loved, and all suffer when any man or woman is denied that love. Jesus told a story about a young man who'd taken the wrong path in life (Luke 15:11) and against all reason, was welcomed back home by his Father, because the Father's love was greater than the son's waywardness. More than that, Jesus says the Father saw him 'while he was still far off'. In other words, Dad was looking for his son to return. At All Saints' we're trying hard to meet people where they are. We want to go where people are, to tell them that they're loved by God. Over the next year we hope Clusters of people from All Saints will begin to meet in the community with a vision to serve people where they are. More to follow later.

Your friend in Christ,

*Steve Lees*

*Cluster definition -*

*A community of faith and purpose learning to live the Jesus life*



# slum survivor

spend a few days the way a billion spend a lifetime



## All Saints Youth Church (ASCY)



### 'To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.' (Micah 6:8)

We'd read it, studied it, talked about it ...but how could we act on it?

As a group of young people with a desire to change things in the name of Christ we stepped out onto the streets of Skircoat Green and stood up for the last, the least and the lost. Our objective was to firstly raise awareness for the one billion people (that's a sixth of the world's population!) who have to live in severe poverty every single day of their lives and secondly to raise money for specific Christian charities supporting slum dwellers, particularly in Ghana and Durban, South Africa. We did this through building and surviving in our own slums for a weekend.

During Friday and Saturday we were faced with various challenges that simulated the daily trials of those living in slums. Our slum was destroyed on Saturday afternoon (after we had spent the whole of Friday evening building it with wood, tarpaulin and cardboard!). This was an attempt to reveal the reality, that a majority of slums are built 'illegally' so a family can come home from a long day at work (usually collecting rubbish to sell) and find that the government or a gang has flattened everything they have. They have no rights, no Plan B, no home.

Ask any of the 'slum survivors' from ASCY and they will tell you how much they loved the food.....NOT! We only had Dahl (rice and spicy lentils) to eat. This was okay on Friday evening, however the smell of it on Saturday morning was enough to make me want to hide in my slum! (which is saying a lot!) As well as the questionable food there was also a smell permeating around camp by Saturday afternoon and I've got to say it was coming from the boys' slum! We weren't allowed any luxuries including deodorant, showers, and and to the girls' dismay -make up. We also had to do without our usual 'necessities': mobile phones, ipods, laptops, books (apart from the Bible!) and even pens and paper! However I certainly found that when everything's stripped back, it's amazing how quickly you get to know people!

Our experiences, combined with the Bible studies and the worship we took part in over the weekend, resulted in a fantastic celebration service lead by the survivors on Sunday evening. Everyone got involved in some way - refreshing worship, effective sound and visuals, a revealing drama, and a thought-provoking talk - all done by the young people!

This experience opened my eyes and heart to the injustice millions are faced with. It has challenged me to consider whether I care enough to do something - something that will cost me. I hope those who came to our service or visited us during the weekend were equally challenged. We can no longer take a back seat in the fight against poverty and injustice - God calls us to be the pioneers!

A **BIG** thank you to every one that helped - especially to our fabulous ASCY leaders Christine, Bob and Hannah!

Thank too to everyone who contributed and raised over £800 to support those who do live in slums.

**Joanna Lees**



## School of Theology

From October through to June a group from our church fellowship made the journey to St Thomas Crookes at Sheffield, once a month on Saturday mornings to be involved in a pioneering course to bring theology to the heart of the Church. As Jesus' disciples we want theology to be open to us all, not just the academic few. Some of us increased our understanding of the Bible and its themes, while others took a closer look at Christian beliefs. We heard live speakers and video presentations. The climax of the course was a talk from the Bishop of Sheffield Steven Croft who inspired us to Mission. The course will run again in September if you are interested contact the church office, Steve Lees or Eric Sharp



## Prayer

We believe that our God loves us and hears our prayers. We believe he is a God of healing and that He heals today. If you would like someone to visit you or pray with you contact our office on 01422 353103

## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service is on Sunday 3rd October at 10.30. We will be collecting for Christian African Relief Trust and would like donations of packets of dried food – pasta, rice, sugar, flour as well as items of educational equipment, pencils, paper, coloured pens and pencils, notepads etc.

Come to the service and find out more about the wonderful work that CART does in many countries in Africa



In March we opened our new Property business in Skircoat Green and six months down the line, we just want to share how God has blessed us in our new venture.

We had never expected that God would lead us in this new direction. Our lives were quite settled, and we had no thoughts of having our own business. God had a different plan for us! We were led each step of the way by His word and prayerful consideration and were sure before we opened that we were acting in obedience to Him.

However, in the natural it is quite understandable to be a little anxious, especially in the light of the current property market.

During the months since we opened, God has blessed us and week by week is helping our business to grow. He has exceeded our expectations and since opening we have taken over one hundred new property instructions.

We do not take credit for this but want to give thanks and glory only to God, in whom we continue to trust. He is at the centre of our home life and business life. Our first appointment each day is in prayer, asking for God's help and blessing for whatever the day may hold.

It is still early days and we don't know what the future holds for Property@Kemp&Co, but we do know that God holds our future. We are happy to trust Him for that.

Peter and Jane Kemp  
Property@Kemp&Co



## Church Info

### Service Times

09.00 Holy Communion  
10.30 Morning Service  
18.30 Evening Service

## Welcome

Our services use a variety of styles. Our 9.00 Holy Communion service is more traditional and quiet. Our 10.30 services involve our children and are great fun. The children go out for their Sunday



Club other than on the 1st Sunday of the month and during holiday periods. Our evening services embrace a variety of styles but tend

to be informal. You will always be welcome at any of our services.

## Find out more

Our website holds lots of information about our activities [www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk](http://www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk) If you would like to know more, or would like to speak to us about baptism, confirmation or marriage then speak to the church office or call

01422 353103



# CAP Money

Last September I had everything I wanted in life a loving partner who is a wonderful mother, the most beautiful 3-year-old my son Alfie, a job I really enjoy a lovely place to live and food on the table. I nearly lost it. Within five months I was facing losing my son, my job and my home, as well as bankruptcy, jail and my partner leaving.

I was brought up in kids homes and had lived at over 100 addresses by the age of 18. I lived on the streets of London for around 3 months. The only time that I heard about God was from the people at the wonderful soup kitchens.

By March this year, I was in a lost world and was desperate, no one seemed to be able to help me. I told 30 people by text that I was going to end my life, I took 25 paracetamol. It was a cry for help. Thank God one of my friends was knocking on my door within 20 minutes and got me to hospital.

I was in debt to the council for unpaid council tax. A guy from the Calderdale finance team asked me if I was getting any help he sent me some info from a service called CAP (Christians Against Poverty) and I contacted them. At this time a Christian at work sent an email out to everybody at work asking if anybody would like to see a pastor called Frank Lettiff from Cape Town, South Africa who was doing a talk on suffering. I said yes I would like to go, I knew nothing about church or the bible but I was suffering.

That same week I had a call from my nephew I had not seen him for 8 years since his 18th Birthday and he told me that he was coming up to Halifax, I insisted that he and his friend stay with me. My nephew is a Christian and was coming up to Halifax to attend a

conference. God was entering my life, even though I was unaware at the beginning, A CAP rep was at my apartment within 10 days of calling them and discussed all my debts. He came to see me 3 times over 3 weeks and suddenly I felt like I had been released. CAP saved me from losing my home and helped feed me when I needed food most.

The CAP rep mentioned a course on handling money I really wanted to do it as I am the worlds worst! So I went to a church your church (All Saints) and was astounded by the wonderful warm welcome you showed all the people coming into your church for this course.

The course was just wonderful, it covered how to handle your money and then change the way we use money, how little changes can go a long way and learning to say no to peer pressures. I have learnt so much and have put some of the methods into practice like no Credit cards or loans, not eating out, no buying coffee at shops and saying no to other things I can't afford so I am now able to live in my means.

I would recommend the Cap Money course to all in every walk of life, not just people in debt. If we save we can live better and give more and I love the fact that I am now able to give every month and that makes me happy and smile and gives me great dignity.

It is difficult to put in words what has been happening with me and is still happening to this day. I now know that Jesus walks with me and he is so much stronger than me and He has given me some wonderful new friends. My faith is growing and I know my finances are now under control.

**Brian CAP Course Delegate  
May 2010**

[www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk](http://www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk)

Manage your money,  
live your life



## Money Management Course

As this magazine goes to press All Saints' Church is about to run its second Money Management Course.

For our first course 29 people signed up including students, people who are finding it hard to make ends meet and those approaching retirement. Some of them already attended All Saints' but the majority didn't.

### Who runs the course?

The course is run by Money Coaches who have been trained by the charity Christians Against Poverty. CAP has grown over the last 10 years into a major organisation that has helped hundreds of thousands of people get out of debt and live better.

### What happens?

The course is run over three evenings and you are taken through a simple money management system. Using this system gets you back in control of your finances. You don't have to reveal any details about your situation to anyone else on the course if you don't want to. There is a light meal and an opportunity to talk things through with your money coach.

### Cost

There is no charge for attending the course or for the meal. Interested?

The next courses will run in September 9th, 16th and 23rd January 6th, 13th and 20th To register or for more information go [www.capmoney.org](http://www.capmoney.org) or [www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk](http://www.allsaintshalifax.org.uk) or phone Martyn Tinsley on 07891275555

Everyone is welcome