



# Briefing 2014

## LATE NIGHT MINISTRY

When did you last start your doing your bit for God at 10.30pm? That's what Bristol Nights Volunteers do.

From 11pm till 2am we provide hot drinks and a listening ear on the Centre. Who might we see on a typical evening? Not much is typical – there's usually at least one surprise per evening.

### We meet:

- clubbers and pubbers,
- gig and theatre goers
- tourists and students,
- the police & bus marshalls,
- hen parties and stag parties
- those having a great time - and those whose night has gone pear-shaped
- The recently bereaved
- Soldiers on leave
- Those who have questions of faith
- Those who have had a bad experience of church
- People new to Bristol and people who've lived here all their lives

We cover most Friday nights but are looking to increase both Fridays & Saturdays

**“Most of the time I finish a night asking the question – where else would that person have any contact with the church during their week?”**

### Driver Training

We are preparing for new drivers – let us know if you'd like to be one!

### HIGH PROFILE – 9 Tonnes of Bus



It is not uncommon to have a deep discussion about Christianity where people share their experiences of church, life and friends. Many do say they once believed but fell away and many are thankful we are out at this time of night offering the service.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

“Reaching out in this way does reveal the searching attitude people have about life and it's meaning ”

- ❖ **Volunteer with our existing teams or talk to us about setting up a team from your church.**
- ❖ **Invite us to your main church service or other event.**
- ❖ **Support us financially – the project costs £175 per week to run**
- ❖ **Take on a special role:**
  - **Learn to drive the bus (over 25s)**
  - **Become a Trustee (all skills welcome)**

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## SOME OF OUR PARTNERS

(i) BC3 – Bristol City Centre Church meet in the Premier Inn near where the bus parks on the centre –they have provided a regular team for some time.

(ii) Severn Vineyard – this Church has recently started to provide a team on once a month. They

worship at the Old Station in Broadmead

(iii) Trinity Theological College – We have students on placement with us on our teams

(iv) St Barts, Bishopston – Several members of this Anglican church are part of one of our multi-church teams

## JOYS AND SORROWS



## GIFTS AND SKILLS – PLEASE JOIN US

### MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

**Several of our teams of volunteers come from different churches, while others are from just one church.**

**Each team has about 8 members and is on a 6 week rota. Training is provided.. If you're interested why not sign up for a Taster Evening.**

**Please email us**

**[bristolnights@ymail.com](mailto:bristolnights@ymail.com)**

**TRUSTEES: We are looking for 2-3 trustees – can you consider getting involved in this way ? You don't need to be on a team, though it's great if you can be. 5 or 6 evening meetings per year for 1.5 hours .**

## SUPPORTING BRISTOL NIGHTS FINANCIALLY

We rely on regular donations from churches and individuals. Please consider making us your “charity of the month”. You can send donations to: “Bristol Nights”

ONLINE : Account Number: 9852 Sort Code: 60-17-12

BY POST: c/o Hopes Place, Bristol City Mission, Great George Street, St Judes, Bristol BS2 9ED

**Please let us know you have donated – we'd like to thank you.**

**Donations from individuals can be Gift Aided**

We've been told by the police that our presence on the city centre changes the 'feel' of the evening; we're not quite sure whether it's our faith or our coffee!

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