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not come to one of our Open Days? You will have an introduction to the course, followed by a tour of The Light Project, where you will be able to meet staff and chat about the course. To find out more or book a place please email deri.fabian@lightproject.org.uk or phone 07900 816484.

The Light Project College
Open Days for the FdA in
Theology, Mission and Evangelism!

1-4pm on 24 January 2018

1-4pm on 24 March 2018

The Light Project Offices,
Abbey Green, Chester

Hearing God's still small voice in Glasgow



Mel with two of her nativity figures

Mel Turner writes: I was headed to the city for a meeting, and I had to go right to the back of the bus to find a seat. I had brought an incomplete nativity set, some tea lights and a few blank Christmas cards with me, hoping to use them to share Jesus along the way. A girl got on at the next stop, and as she made her way to the back, briefly looked at me and smiled. Over half way into town I decided to ask her if she had much on that day. She was flustered and began to tell me about being late for her ap-

pointment and having no change for her connection and misplacing her keys...I've done this myself many times, so I reached into my pocket and gave her my day ticket, pleased to find that I had the right change to replace it!

I also decided to give her the 'Mary' figure from my nativity set, saying 'I think you should have this - like Mary you need to know you are precious, there is someone watching out for you today'. As we left the bus together she told me that her partner was in rehab and had left her skint. I asked if I could give her a hug, and thanked her - the meeting had really meant a lot to me. I had a sense that she would make it...

As so often, I found myself aware of the desperate need so many people have of Jesus's love and mercy in their bleak situations, and I was grateful that on this particular day he had chosen me to reveal his love through simple words and actions; the moment could so easily have been missed. So I encourage you to listen to that 'still small voice', even if it seems that that is all you can hear. God is faithful!

To find out more about anything mentioned in this issue, contact us by phone: 01244 400221 or mail: The Light Project, Abbey House, Abbey Green, Chester, CH1 2JH, or email: office@lightproject.org.uk. Do get in touch!

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Hats off to The Light Project!



Our students celebrating success on Graduation Day 2017

We are delighted to announce that our Foundation Degree in the Arts (FdA) in Theology, Mission and Evangelism has just been revalidated by Chester University, and passed with flying colours!

As you probably know, The Light Project is an official partner of the University of Chester, linked through the Department of Theology and Religious Studies. We are one of the few places in this country offering an undergraduate degree in evangelism.

We are able to do this because in addition to being a community of people who practise evangelism and try out new ideas, we have a team of academic staff working in theology up to doctoral level. All academic courses have to undergo a regular audit by their university, and in late 2017 it was our turn...

No stone was left unturned, as our programme and academic team were scrutinised. Weeks of preparation culminated in a

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The Light Project (Registered charity no. 1084941) is a diverse group of people with a big heart to let others have a real experience of Jesus. We train people to share the good news through the Chester University-accredited Foundation Degree in Theology and Evangelism, and we work with churches and other groups on a variety of creative outreach projects. We'd love to hear from you—our contact details are on page 2.

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nerve-racking day when our methods and lectures were put under the microscope, and staff, students and other stakeholders were consulted. At the end of it all we were delighted to discover that the university has granted us the revalidation of our Foundation Degree and commended us for our use of digital technology, and also the ways in which we care for our students. This is a tremendous encouragement to us, and we continue to be inspired in our quest to make this the best degree in evangelism in the country!

Sponsored FUNdraising begins



Happy new hair, Wendy!

As part of their course, students are being encouraged to raise funds for evangelism in very creative ways. Wendy Gleadle has already done a sponsored hairdye! If you'd like to support her, there is a My Donate page at <http://mydonate.bt.com/events/wendyhairdye/453830>. Other events in planning include a sponsored walk of witness (19 miles in Biblical costume) from Chester to Hilbre Island and a non-stop reading of the New Testament in both Chester and Peterborough.

You're invited!



You're invited to a party! Over the years we have been incredibly blessed to have many individuals and groups alongside us as we have sought to 'Reveal Jesus' throughout the UK. We would love to take this opportunity to offer a warm invitation to our friends and supporters to join us for an evening of thanksgiving and celebration. There will be cakes and refreshments, fellowship, music and worship. We hope also to give a brief update on the work of The Light Project, and to express our gratitude for our many fellow pilgrims in the Gospel.

- When? Thursday 25 January
- Time? 7 for 7.30pm
- Where? St. Peter's Church, Watergate Street, Chester, CH1 2LA

Please do come and join us! If you can come, please let us know as soon as possible, either by phone (01244 400221—leave a message if we're not in the office at the time) or by post at the address on page 4, or on the Facebook event page or by email to tonya.chirgwin@lightproject.org.uk. We'd love to see you there!

Focus on the FdA — your questions answered

Following our recent success, we thought it might be useful to give you the low-down on what our FdA is and how it works...

What's it all about?

One of our current students has described the degree as "a highly practical course for those who want hands-on learning as well as lectures". Students study a wide range of topics, including Biblical Studies, History of Evangelism, Creative Arts and Media, and Church Planting and Pioneering; marked assignments include essays and practical evangelism projects.

What does it involve?

The lecturers are qualified tutors, committed evangelists and passionate about their faith, so the teaching is academically rigorous but also faith-building and practical. All our students come together for induction, retreats and regular Learning Weekends, and being part of our online community gives them more lectures and resources to broaden their experience of theology and

evangelism. Then they go out and actually do it - in placements with local churches and other organisations, and in projects and one-off events with other students.

Who is it for?

There's no such thing as a typical student here at The Light Project! Our students come from a wide range of backgrounds (18-80 years old, novice to experienced, shy to confident) and form a close-knit community of disciples, united by their passion to share God's love.

How does it work?

Students can be full-time at one of our placement hubs in Chester, Peterborough and Coventry, or part-time in their home base anywhere in the UK. Wherever and however they study, on successful completion of the course they become graduates of the University of Chester.

If this sounds like something you, or someone you know, might be interested in, why

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No such thing as a typical student—The Light Community Chester's Christmas party