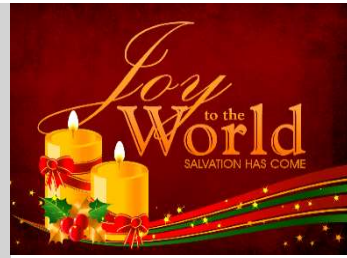




Festive NEWSLETTER UPDATE



2024



Dear All, Welcome to our Festive Newsletter and update from Oasis.

Within our Festive Newsletter you will find information on all the areas of our work in the communities in which we serve in Horsham and Crawley and surrounding villages.

Since our last newsletter.....



We held our second fundraising event of 2024, our 'No Strings Attached' concert at the Roffey Social Club on 9th November.

It was a really lovely and enjoyable evening and we would like to thank all those who supported us by buying tickets and attending. Any proceeds from fundraising contribute to helping us continue to deliver our free services in the Horsham and Crawley areas and the villages that surround these areas.



We are busy planning another fundraising event in Horsham in the spring of next year, 2025, our annual quiz night event. Do look out for more information on this on our social media pages, Facebook page, Instagram page and our website.



As a charity we are completely reliant on the support of local churches & individuals to finance our work; your gifts are always much appreciated! We are always looking for further help in raising finances to be able to continue to do the work we do.

Can we encourage you to think about fundraising for Oasis, however small? Please do contact me if you have some ideas or want to run an event.

FUNDRAISE FOR OASIS

We are in need of more funding to enable us to continue to deliver our services.

Be part of the action and host your own Fundraising Event such as:

- Coffee and Cake morning
- Cake sale at local Church or house
- Arranging a local pub quiz

And more!

Contact the Centre Manager with details of your fundraising ideas, on:

dawn.spouge@theoasis.org.uk



HCT (Horsham Churches Together) also post various notices for Oasis in their regular newsletter and we update our website as and when appropriate.

Please see more detailed updates on different areas of our work below

Dawn Spouge - Centre Manager

Unplanned/Crisis Pregnancy at Oasis

We do currently offer remote Practitioner support for Crisis Pregnancy/Unplanned Pregnancy situations and we have a fantastic, experienced Support Practitioner who is contracted to do this work for Oasis. Our website fliers/leaflets reflect our current services. Do spread the news to those who you think could benefit from our FREE services.

**Unplanned Pregnancy /
Crisis Pregnancy?**

Not sure where to go for help and support?

The Oasis

The Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre can help provide remote confidential support for clients who are pregnant and want to consider their options and share their thoughts and feelings in a non-judgemental environment.

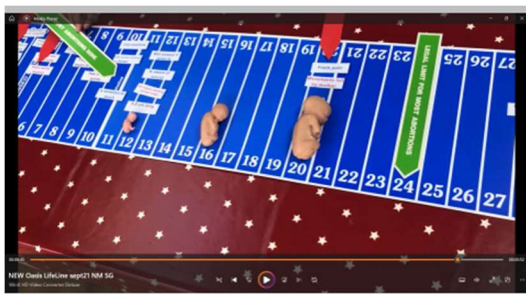
This can be provided using Zoom or by telephone, remotely, enabling you to be able to access our **FREE** service more easily to fit in with your daily / evening routine.

Please call **01403 272 723** (24-hour answerphone)
** Please do leave a message to enable us to call you back **

Or email: info@theoasis.org.uk



Education Programme - from the Schools Team



Taken from the
Pregnancy Time Line -
part of the interactive
lesson for Students

This has been an exciting term for the Schools team. In October we visited two local schools, giving our presentation to all the Year 10 and 11 students at a Crawley school, and the whole of Year 10 at a Horsham school.

The Crawley school posted their thanks on social media, writing

"Today we welcomed the Oasis Crisis Pregnancy Centre into classrooms to deliver workshops to our Year 10 and 11 students. The charity provides interactive sessions to teach students about the development of the foetus and to consider the feelings and emotions that can arise in an unplanned pregnancy situation. Thank you for visiting us"



In January we will visit two more Horsham schools, talking to Year 10 at both schools. We are also looking ahead to March and April when we will give our presentations to Year 9 at two more schools, one in Horsham and one in Crawley. The work we do on pregnancy and abortion follows the Government Guidelines on Relationships and Sex Education and we are pleased to see how our presentations are linked into the curriculum, with many schools following up our visits in other lessons.

This is a very rewarding role: it is wonderful to have the opportunity to engage the students in discussions of the issues around unplanned pregnancy, considering difficult choices and their consequences, while also thinking about the life of the unborn child.

We are short of volunteers for our Schools team and would love to be able to deliver our services to more schools in our communities. If you would like to join our team we would love to have you! You don't have to be a presenter; most people join the team as an assistant, handing out sheets and running the PowerPoint. If you are interested in finding out more, do contact us and we can arrange for you to observe a schools session to see what is involved.

JOIN OUR SCHOOLS TEAM

The
Oasis

Our Schools Team goes into several Senior Schools at different times in the year to deliver a lesson to Year 9 and Year 10 pupils, as part of our Education Programme.

For further information please email:
info@theoasis.org.uk

We are looking for Volunteers to join, could this be you?

Baby Clothing and Equipment - From the Store Team at the Charis Centre in Crawley



Store location: The Charis Centre, West Green Drive, Crawley RH11 7EL

E-mail: Store@TheOasis.org.uk

Tel: - 07927 659529



The Baby Clothing and Equipment Store continues to provide clothing and equipment for babies and children up to 24 months whose families are unable to afford to buy these items themselves.

At the beginning of this year, we began opening once a month on Monday mornings to serve the Happy Baby Group for refugee families, which operates at the Charis Centre. This has proved to be a huge success, so we have continued the practice. The sessions are invariably busy and it is very rewarding to help people who have left everything behind in search of a better life for their families, and who are currently in limbo, staying in hotels while they await the outcome of their applications to remain in this country.

Our regular weekly Thursday afternoon sessions have been quieter of late, and our prayer is that more people who need our services will come to us for help.

We are delighted to have welcomed three new volunteers to the team since our last newsletter. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye at the end of this year to a volunteer who has been a faithful member of the team for four years but has now decided to step down due to her many other commitments. We are grateful for all our volunteers and for their dedicated service, without which the Store would not be able to operate.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Store, we would be delighted to hear from you!



The Oasis
Baby Clothing and Equipment Store
The Charis Centre, Crawley, RH11 7EL

Do you have a spare two hours a month to be able to volunteer at our baby store?

Our Store is situated within the Charis Centre in Crawley and is currently open every Thursday between 1pm – 3pm allowing clients to collect the items they need.

We are open the first Monday of each month.
 Please see our website: www.theoasis.org.uk for further details.

Please call the Store for opening times, call or email if you would be interested in volunteering once a month for a couple of hours.

We are also grateful to those who so generously donate clothing and equipment which they no longer need, so that others can benefit.



The Oasis
Baby Clothing and Equipment Store
The Charis Centre, Crawley, RH11 7EL

Free clothing and equipment for those in need

We accept donations of good quality clothing, aged 0 -24 months and equipment such as cots, prams, stair gates, buggies, highchairs etc., in good order.

Email: Store@TheOasis.org.uk
Tel: 07927 659529



From the TreasurerSue Gatland

Dear All

During the last few months, our 2023-24 accounts were independently examined by our Accountant and approved by the Oasis Trustees. We finished the financial year with a deficit of £1441. We are grateful for the continued and generous donations from local churches and supporters. If you would like to see a copy of the accounts, please do ask.

We are working hard to increase our income with fundraising and control our expenses. Two pieces of good news! Firstly we have recently received a very generous one-off gift that will enable us to stay in the black this financial year! And secondly, we have been selected to join the Co-op Local Community Fund for 2025, and will receive at least £1000 depending on how many votes we receive from Co-op members.

If you are Co-op members and shop in Horsham, please vote for us. If you aren't yet a member, you can join online for £1, and vote on their website.

Do take a look at our Cause Profile Page! The link is:-

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/87544>



From the Trustees

As we write this, our Board of Trustees is very thin on the ground! We sadly said 'goodbye' and 'thank you' to Dr. Steve Dyer last month. We will miss him for his wisdom and sensitivity in our work, especially on the medical side of things. We are praying and trusting God for one or two new Trustees to join us -as well as asking lots of folk to consider the role! Please be praying and ask the Lord if you could make a difference in this way and bring your skills to the Board. And get in touch to chat to one of us for more information!

Phil Brewer, Sue Gatland, Malcolm Giacomelli & Tim Wort
Oasis Trustees

Volunteer Trustees
Needed

The Oasis

We are looking to find suitable committed individuals to strengthen our Team and potentially to take Oasis forward into future years.

If you are a Christian and have business skills that could enhance our current team of Trustees, please get in touch today.

info@theoasis.org.uk

Prayer at the Oasis

Prayer and God's guidance is fundamental and essential to the continued work of Oasis and important for all the services we deliver.



We hold a monthly remote prayer meeting on Teams so that anyone can access it and these take place for an hour on the 2nd Monday of each month. Please do email us at info@theoasis.org.uk to enable us to send you a link to the meeting that month. These are usually sent out a week to a few days before the meeting. We would love to see you there if you would like to attend 🍷.

Last, but not least, the Oasis Team would like to say a huge thank you to all those who volunteer for Oasis. Your work as a volunteer is very much appreciated and we all at Oasis wish you a blessed and peaceful time this Christmas. ♡



In case you have any thoughts or questions on volunteering for Oasis, after reading this newsletter, here is a reminder of some of the great positives that come from volunteering.....



If any of the above volunteer posts interest you, please do not hesitate to contact us, all our details are on our website, see details below or look for our posts on our Facebook page and Instagram.

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<http://www.theoasis.org.uk>

Charity number 1193428

If you wish to support Oasis, please make a donation here:

<https://gofund.me/ee230086>

