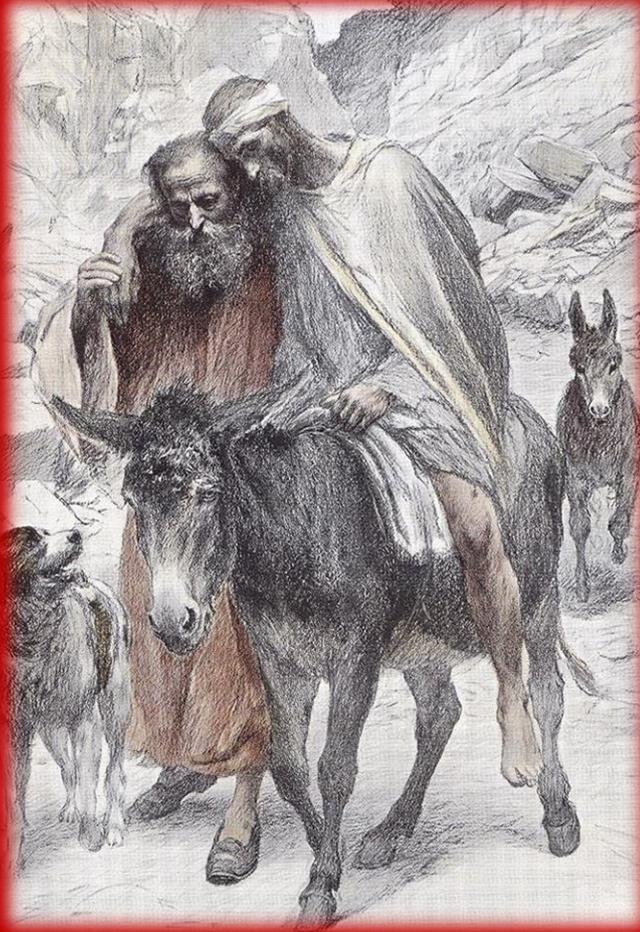




# NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN/WINTER 2020



The well-known story that Jesus told about the Good Samaritan is a helpful illustration of the purpose of Besom. That man, walking along the road with probably no other intention than to arrive at his destination, saw a person in need and wanted to do all he could to help. A man had been beaten and robbed and was lying at the side of the road. As so often seems to happen today, two people ignored him or pretended they hadn't seen him; but the kind Samaritan couldn't turn a blind eye and leave the man to suffer.

*He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."*

**That Samaritan wasn't going to solve the problems of all the needy – but he came across a tragic situation and wanted to do something. Besom helps you to "do something". Whatever way you want to help, however small, Besom will make sure your gift is used well to help a person in genuine need. There are tragic situations all over this town and beyond; Besom can help you to be a Samaritan and make all the difference to someone's situation.**

## How have people been able to make a difference?

some people have given time to those who have needed a bit of help with painting or gardening...



... others have donated good quality furniture or white goods to help someone start out in a new home

**Want to help?**  
**call 07541 123797**  
**or email**  
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# There are many other ways to “do something”...

Have you been given a new set of saucepans, a toaster, a kettle, cutlery, a set of mugs or crockery? If your used kitchen stuff is still in good condition – why not donate it to Besom to help make up a starter pack for someone who is moving from a shelter or refuge to a new home?

just about anything you can think of will be exactly what *someone* wants!



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**"I have enjoyed being with Besom. I was homeless myself before moving to The Dwelling Place, and the work I do with Besom has given me a sense of purpose and well-being. I am now doing something worthwhile for others. I go out on the van twice a week collecting and delivering much needed goods. I have loved meeting the donors and recipients and of course it is great to have many friends in the Besom Team."**



**Christmas is coming!  
another year.... another  
opportunity to make  
someone's Christmas special.**

**Just cover a cardboard box  
with Christmas paper and  
fill it with everything for the  
festive season – from mince  
pies to crackers. Ring us on**

**07541 123797 and we will make sure your hamper lights up  
someone's Christmas.**