

Advent Thanksgiving

An evening of hope & inspiration

in aid of



Leeds Parish Church

6pm, Monday 30 November 2009

Breast Cancer Haven is pleased to announce that their Advent Thanksgiving Service will be taking place at Leeds Parish Church on Monday 30 November.

Breast Cancer Haven - which celebrated its first year in Leeds, in October - provides the Haven programme free of charge to anyone affected by breast cancer. The programme includes counselling, complementary therapies, support and information to meet the physical and emotional needs of breast cancer. In Yorkshire alone, 4,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year.

Guests will enjoy an evening of celebration and beautiful music sung by members of the Leeds Parish Church Choir and up and coming 17 year old soprano, Alexandra Lowe. We are delighted to have some very special guest readers including actor James Thornton, who plays hunky farmer John Barton in Emmerdale. James first heard about the Haven through his mother, Norma Russell, who is recognised as the UK's first breast care nurse specialist. Norma - along with her colleagues including Debbie Horsman, who is now the Programme Manager at the Leeds Haven – successfully campaigned for many years to have a specialist breast care service at Bradford Hospital NHS Trust. The determination of this small group of nurses means that many other women living with breast cancer, now have access to a dedicated breast care team in their local hospital. In recognition of her work, Norma was awarded an MBE in 2003 for 'services to healthcare'.

It costs Breast Cancer Haven £1,400 to provide individual treatment programmes for each person coming to our Havens and our specialist services are known to make such a huge difference to their lives at this difficult time. The proceeds from the event will enable more women and men dealing with the effects of breast cancer to be seen by our expert therapists and counsellors.

Breast Cancer Haven receives no government funding and relies entirely on charitable donations and fundraising events to meet all our costs. "The Advent Thanksgiving Service will be a chance for our Visitors, fundraisers and corporate supporters to get together and celebrate our first year in Yorkshire" comments Jane King, Yorkshire Fundraising Executive. "Our services have made a real difference to the lives of the women and men of Yorkshire who are dealing with breast cancer. In 2010 we want to double the number of people we've helped in our first 12 months and this event will be a great way of raising awareness of the Haven".

For ticket sales or further information about the event and Breast Cancer Haven, please contact the Fundraising Team on 0113 284 7800 or email jk@breastcancerhaven.org.uk

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Notes to Editors:

- Breast Cancer Haven supports the physical and emotional needs of anyone affected by breast cancer and its associated treatment by providing the Haven programme free of charge to anyone affected by breast cancer. The programme includes counselling, complementary therapies, support and information to meet the physical and emotional needs of breast cancer before, during and after conventional medical care.
- Working alongside the NHS and other healthcare professionals Havens promote integrated breast cancer care where conventional and complementary medicine work together to heal the body and mind.
- The charity was founded in 1997 and we currently have Havens in London, Hereford and Leeds.

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