



Being the Face of Jesus in Leicester

Senior Street Pastor–

I am the current Chair of Leicester Street Pastors and I have been a Street Pastor for 3 years.

I became a Street Pastor after a recruitment event where I met Lizzie Hartley and Barry Wilford. My attention was captured by their enthusiasm and passion for the work they were doing on the streets. They were committed to being the face of Jesus on the streets of Leicester.

I had always held a belief that a church should be “without walls” and after hearing their talk I felt called to join the team.

When considering scripture I feel that the Gospels show us a way to be Christians in today’s world. Jesus spent a lot of time out of the temple and the synagogue meeting people where they were. By being a Street Pastor means I can meet people exactly where they are.

This is highlighted by a recent incident. My team and I had been out for some time one Saturday and as I was praying I felt God calling me to retrace our steps. It was an unusual decision but as we walked back up the street we found a semi-conscious young woman in a loading bay surrounded by 2 males who were trying to take advantage of the situation. We arrived to break up the situation! God in action!

The Work we have done in September and October

November was a difficult month as the weather is becoming colder. We handed out several hats, gloves and socks to those who are on the streets. Several people were in great distress this month and we were called by the police to support.

We had **96** conversations/interactions
Supported **3** vulnerable people
Explained to **12** individuals our role
Helped **38** people in a practical way
Gave **79.5** volunteer hours

December saw the snow arrive– it was so bad we had to cancel one of our patrols! This month also saw us on Radio Leicester talking about our role and how we would be supporting people to enjoy the New Year celebrations in the city.

Had **172** conversations/interactions
Supported **13** vulnerable people
Explained to **16** individuals our role
Helped **86** people in a practical way
Gave **107.25** volunteer hours

The story of Leicester

Street Pastors had a busy December— we had patrols out on 23rd December and on 31st December.

We have also been providing presentations for schools in Birstall and in Leicester. These presentations allow us to share the reasons why we patrol on the streets and what our faith means for us.

Russell was interviewed on Radio Leicester with regard to the City's plans to create a

“safe space” for people who have over indulged.

We have been meeting other Street Pastor initiatives in Leicestershire and through this group we have been having important conversations with Leicestershire Police. We have had the work we are doing affirmed and valued by the Police.

We have also been in discussions about the new

services that will be created through the BID— business development area in Leicester. This is an exciting time for Leicester and the Street Pastor Team.



The impact of Prayer

We know prayer works—we have seen it!!

Now we ask for your prayers to grow the number of volunteers we have.

Unfortunately, the Westcotes

Street Pastor Initiative has had to close down and so one half of the city is now without a patrol.

We are running a recruitment drive in February with an Open Evening on Friday

9th. Please consider anyone you think who might be being called to this Ministry.

More details from :

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Recruitment

Is God calling you to LISTEN, CARE and HELP?

Can you stay up late?

Will you be around Leicester for the next 2 years?

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BECOMING A STREET PASTOR



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