



# Cheltenham Street Pastors

*The Church in action on the streets*

Autumn 2010



Mike Browne, Tim Brain and Nigel Bennett with Street Pastors

## Mayor, MP and Patrons on Patrol

During the past three months the street patrols have been joined by the Mayor, our MP and our three Patrons. They all praised the work of Cheltenham Street Pastors and made the following comments:

Anne Regan, Mayor:

"I feel that the caring and protective work Street Pastors do is an example of how the services can all come together for the good of the town. Your work through the church can only bring about love and goodwill to all."

Martin Horwood, MP:

"Spending time with Cheltenham Street Pastors was an education. They were not in the slightest bit preachy and had obviously earned the trust of police, door staff and, most importantly, many clubbers themselves. They demonstrated a quiet care for other people that was genuinely very moving indeed and very rare these days"

Tim Brain, Patron:

"They are a real support to the people of Cheltenham and the Police, and are a wonderful example of Christian charity in action."

Mike Browne, Patron:

"Street Pastors is a brilliant idea, they provide a wonderful service. I was very impressed by the dedication of the team and with the positive reception they received from the public."

## Town Centre Crime at a 10 year low

The Police have reported that violent crime in the town centre is at a 10-year low and is currently below the anticipated level. They say they have no doubt that **Street Pastors** have made a contribution to the recent fall in crime.

## Commissioning Service

An invitation is extended to everyone for the next Street Pastors' Commissioning Service on Saturday 27 November at Cambay Baptist Church at 7.30 pm. This will include a celebration of the first Anniversary of Street Pastors on the streets of Cheltenham.

## On the Streets

"We had a number of deeper conversations such as with a soldier back from Afghanistan and about to return and some young school-leavers seeking to work out if God exists." (July)

"Door staff reported two girls fighting in the High Street and the police involved. We went to the incident and engaged the participants with water and flip-flops and gradually calm descended." (August)

"We met a couple of guys, one of whom said Street Pastors had saved his life. This was a little dramatic, but we had helped him last winter and he was grateful and wanted to thank us. We spoke to him and his friend for quite a long time about Christian related things and it was a great opportunity to share our faith." (September)

"We continue to be amazed by the positive reaction from so many people. Not only did we get the handshakes, high-fives and hugs, but many times we had people calling out 'Hi Street Pastors!' and waving" (September)

## Training Dates

- 2 Oct Roles and Responsibilities. Highbury, 9.30am
- 5 Oct Alcohol/Drug Awareness. St Mathews, 7.30pm
- 11 Oct Good News. Cambay, 7.30pm
- 18 Oct The Police. St Mathews, 7.30pm
- 1 Nov Listening/Communication. Cambay, 7.30pm
- 9 Nov Probation Service. St Mathews, 7.30pm
- 16 Nov Preparing for the Streets. St Mathews, 7.30pm