



# Cheltenham Street Pastors

*The Church in action on the streets*

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Bishop Michael

## Bishop Visits Cheltenham Street Pastors

Bishop Michael of Gloucester visited the Cheltenham Street Pastor base on Friday 27 July 2012. The Street Pastor Team Leader reports "The evening began with a visit to our base by Bishop Michael of Gloucester, Rev'd Tudor Griffiths and Rev'd Mike Workman (both from St Matthew's) together with a group of young people from St Matthew's. The group intended to "hit a few bars" in order to gain a flavour of the Cheltenham night scene. We were asked to explain what we do and, after a concluding time of prayer, we went our separate ways with Bishop Michael promising he wouldn't need to be rescued!"

## Cheltenham Hosts Charity Cyclists

Cheltenham Street Pastors were privileged to welcome a group of cyclists from Portsmouth Street Pastors and other south coast branches on Tuesday 10th July 2012.



The group were cycling from John O Groats to Land's End to raise money for street pastors and other local charities of their choice. A small group from CSP was able to share supper and stories with the cyclists, and delicious food was generously provided by Kathleen, to whom everyone was very grateful for her hospitality. The group spent the night in St Luke's church hall, (a grateful thanks to St Luke's) before departing after breakfast for Bath. We have since heard that they raised £5500 for their charities - a fantastic effort.

## Thank You

"I would just like to say thank you for helping to look after me on Saturday night in Cheltenham. I don't remember much but I remember you being a great comfort. I feel rather embarrassed as I showed myself up and put myself at risk by drinking too much, however it's nice to know there are people like you on the streets." (email received by CSP)

## More Volunteers Needed

**Street Pastors.** Street Pastors are church members of all ages who offer practical help and pastoral support to those who are out in the town late at night.

More volunteers are still needed to strengthen the existing teams and for special events in the town. Volunteers must be over 18 and attend a local church. They receive full training and their uniform.

You can find out at first hand about the work of Street Pastors in Cheltenham by joining a team one Friday or Saturday night as an observer. For more information see contact details below.

**Prayer Team.** Street Pastor teams are supported by a team of Prayer Pastors either at home or at the team base in Cheltenham. More Prayer Pastors are needed to pray for the teams and if you feel called to pray in this way, more information is available from the contact below.

A Prayer Meeting for the work of Street Pastors is held on the second Tuesday of each month at St Matthew's church in the town centre from 10.30 to 11.30 am. Everyone is welcome to these meetings.

## Training Dates 2012

11 Sep Good News. Gloucester, 7.30 pm  
4/5 Oct Counselling & Mentoring. Harnhill, 7.30 pm  
10 Oct Education/Child Protection. Gloucester, 7.30 pm  
13 Oct Roles & Responsibilities. Churchdown, 10.00 am  
20 Oct Youth Culture/Sociology. Cirencester, 10.00 am  
1 Nov Drugs & Alcohol. Cheltenham, 7.30 pm  
9 Nov Mental Health. Cirencester, 7.30 pm  
20 Nov Police Training. Cheltenham, 7.30 pm  
tbc Nov Preparing for the Streets, Cheltenham, 7.30 pm