



Cheltenham Street Pastors

The Church in action on the streets

Summer 2011



What is a Street Pastor?

A Street Pastor is a church member who is willing to offer support, practical help and a visible ministry to those who are out in the town late at night. They reassure folk who may feel vulnerable, help reduce the fear of crime, provide a listening ear and offer genuine, non-judgmental pastoral support to those who need help.

Cheltenham Street Pastors currently consists of 50 trained volunteers from 20 churches who, in teams of six, are out in the town centre on Friday and Saturday nights between 10 pm and 4 am.

Caring, Listening and Helping

On the Streets

“One young lad told us that town was a scary place and he felt safer knowing we were around” (April)

“We were thanked by a lady who had previously been helped by Street Pastors. She had a puncture wound in her arm from railings and Street Pastors had taken her to Accident and Emergency” (May)

“We had a lengthy conversation about faith and role models with a girl whose husband had left her with two children 6 weeks ago and she was happy for us to pray for her in future” (June)

“We found a man asleep in the doorway of Lush. He was unresponsive and causing concern, so we alerted the paramedics who came and checked him out.” (June)

“We had a particularly challenging conversation with two young ladies about how a loving God could allow bad things to happen to children” (July)

“We came across a young man who was well out of it and mumbling incoherently into his phone about how cold he was so we gave him water and a space blanket. We spoke to his mum on his phone and found she had come to collect him but did not know where he was so we were able to reunite them.” (July)

Commissioning Service

Please do join us for our next Street Pastors Commissioning Service on Saturday 3 September at 7.30 pm at C3 Church, The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane, Cheltenham.

9,000 Street Pastors Nationwide

There are now over 9,000 trained Street Pastors in over 200 locations throughout the UK. The founder and CEO of Street Pastors Rev Les Isaacs reported these figures at the recent National Coordinators and Management Training Conference in Birmingham. A further 30 to 40 UK initiatives are in the pipeline and teams have been started as far away as Manly in Australia and Antigua in the West Indies.

Street Pastors was launched in Brixton in 2003 with just 18 volunteers and has since continued to spread rapidly throughout the UK.

Volunteers Needed

Street Pastors. To fulfill the vision of providing a second team every Saturday night and teams on a weeknight and for other special events in the town, more volunteers are still needed in Cheltenham. 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 Pastors Street Pastor teams are supported by 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.