

Cheltenham Street



Pastors since 2009

The Church in action on the streets of Cheltenham.

*'We are building bridges between Church and the world;
We reach out to people who need drugs and drink
to escape the reality of their lost and desperate lives.
We reach out to people who just find life tough.
We build bridges of hope, of inspiration, of care, of love.'*

Revd Les Isaac CEO Ascension Trust/Street Pastors



Training Street Pastors has been different this year, we started with Roles and Responsibilities and since then we have been online with Good News and Psychological first aid training. This worked well and more is planned for 2021.

Patrols have also looked different with smaller patrols since July, suspending during Lockdowns. We have been equipped with PPE and following guidance we were no longer giving out lollipops, water and flip flops. Our main vision was to be available for conversations, a listening ear which was much needed. So our presence was continued on the streets and much appreciated by the Police and CBC. Good cheer was spread by our masked Street Pastors who may look scary but were ready to help! Alongside patrols, our trusty Prayer Pastors continued with their vital, supportive prayers.



How we have helped in Lockdown 2020...

'...On the High Street we came across a man a bit worse for wear who couldn't remember where he lived. He had a bit of paper with the address on it and as it wasn't far we walked with him. He was very grateful.'

'...We had a lovely conversation with them and appreciation of what we do was proffered generously. They told us of how SP was a topic in their PHSE lessons. Encouraging!'

'...In the High Street a group were entertaining and attracting a fair number of people who were singing and dancing the night away. All who gathered seemed to be meeting within a legal framework.'

Prayer Points

- The homeless during the winter months
- Training for current Street Pastors and new recruits to volunteer
- Healthy, refreshed Street Pastors... so we are ready to patrol when restrictions are finally lifted
- Prayer : A monthly prayer meeting will resume on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at St Matthews Church, 10.30am, all are welcome, please join us when it is safe to do so.

Please be encouraged in the Lord; "*He who began a good work in us will complete it*" Philippians 1:6. We will be patrolling again soon in this powerful mission for our town; in God's perfect timing. '*They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint*' Isaiah 40:31

We are currently recruiting for Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors. To observe or apply please email cheltenham@streetpastors.org.uk

We intend training Spring 2021; we would love you to be a part of our team!

A unifying opportunity to volunteer with Christians from Churches throughout Cheltenham to demonstrate God's love to those who we meet.