

The Church in action on the streets of Cheltenham

# Cheltenham Street

## Pastors

### Newsletter 2022



*'Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving message into the night.'*  
Philippians 2:14-15 (The Message)

**2021 was again a very variable and strange year for us.**

Nevertheless, there were many occasions that encouraged us and continue to assure us of the importance of what we seek to do. Sadly, we have had to temporarily decrease our patrolling to 6 patrols a month instead of 8. But our enthusiastic teams are continuing to make a big difference in the town. Night life has been lively and busy since restrictions were lifted. We continue to be well received by the public and agencies within the night time economy.

In 2021 we trained and welcomed 6 new recruits and have 4 new drivers for The Stable, our Safe Space. We also welcomed many retired Street Pastors as Prayer Pastors. So things are picking up again!

Patrol teams are lively and friendly as well as the opportunity to make new friends providing a unifying opportunity to volunteer with Christians from Churches throughout Cheltenham and above all serving God and showing God's grace and love to those in need that we meet.



#### Prayer points

- \*The sterling work of our teams out in all weathers and all conditions
- \*Give thanks for the new Stable drivers
- \*Need for 10 more recruits in 2022
- \*The homeless and those drinking heavily trying to 'help' mask their problems for a while



*\*The welcome we have been given on the streets and the value placed on us by the night-time economy*

**Prayer : Our monthly prayer group continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at St Matthews Church, 10.30am, all are welcome.**

#### How we have helped in 2021....

**September 2021** 'As we returned to base, via Moo moos a man stopped us to express his appreciation for what SPs do, he said that once in the past, one team had saved his life - an encouraging comment to end the evening on.  
Thank you to a dedicated team'

**October 2021** '...I thought I should mention that the team were thanked twice this evening firstly by the taxi drivers in Portland Street for the team clearing the glass on the road within their taxi rank so they did not have to drive over it. Secondly we were thanked by the police for observing an offender prior to an arrest at a nearby bus stop.'

**NYE 2021** 'Hi I just wanted to say a big thank you to all that helped me get my coat and my taxi after having to leave Moos. Embarrassingly drunk. But the team was amazing literally don't know what I done without them 😊 amazing job guys very much appreciated'

**We are training soon; we would love you to be a part of our team! We need to build up our patrol teams, please come along and find out if its for you. To observe or apply please email [cheltenham@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:cheltenham@streetpastors.org.uk)**