

# Enfield Street Pastors

## Newsletter

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Welcome to this, our 17th Newsletter. We trust you enjoy reading it, and through the testimonies get a feel of the breadth of activity we can be involved in on the streets of Enfield as we seek to serve our communities.

During the course of 2019, we were on patrol for around 772 volunteer hours, giving us contact with 943 people! These 'contacts' ranged from standing with ladies waiting on their own at bus stops; taking people to the station taxis, and seeing them home; to helping drunk people sober up, and stay with them when their friends walked away. When asked, we continue to have opportunities for faith conversations, and many

### Testimony

We met H who was very drunk, being sick, falling on the floor, and generally incapable. We managed to get him over to a seat and called an ambulance.

As we were with him, what seemed like a tsunami of people were coming towards us up Silver Street in a drunken brawl, fighting each other on both sides of the road and in the road itself. We called the Police and prayed, not easy when we're trying to stop H from walking away to drive his car home!

The fighting subsided and, as H gradually sobered up, we cancelled the ambulance, and got him to the station and a taxi home.

opportunities to pray with people.



Our first Christmas dinner.  
1.30am Christmas Morning!



### Testimony

As we passed a bus stop, F got up and asked about Street Pastors and about Christianity. She told us she was waiting for an ambulance as she was suffering severe pain as a result of her Sickle Cell condition. We decided to wait with her. She wanted to talk about Christianity so we were able to share with her about God and Jesus. She had the Bible on her phone. Though she was marked priority, we waited with her for well over an hour before the ambulance was able to get to her, because they were very stretched. In the meantime, we fetched our own vehicle so she could sit inside out of the cool night air, and gave her a bottle of water because she was de-hydrated.

Though the year saw a slight increase in the number anti-social behaviour incidents, we have continued to see the power of prayer in helping to ease conflict and bring peace and harmony back to the community when these things have occurred.

### Testimony

As we walked towards the station, a girl called out "You've picked the wrong night. No one's going to repent - we're all sinners!" We tried to engage her in conversation but she rushed off.



Friendly chat with the staff in a shop, enquiring after their welfare and the state of business.

### Testimony

At Edmonton bus station we met a young lady who was unsure of the buses due to a road closure for road works, so, for her reassurance, we walked with her to Bounces Road where she lived.

## Prayer Team

We continue to appreciate the commitment of Carol, our Prayer Coordinator, and her prayer team. They give us real time prayer cover when we're out on the streets, and provide a refreshment break for the teams. We phone through specific items for prayer, and have sensed a real difference on the streets.

Our thanks go to the four churches who give us access to their premises for this purpose.

Our thanks too to those who pray at home whilst we're out, and those who receive the monthly reports and pray.

## School Pastors

With the appointment of Jane Chappell as School Pastor Coordinator we are hoping to re-launch, starting with a team in a local secondary school. At present we have five people undergoing the School Pastor training, though this is on hold because of the COVID-19 outbreak. However, after our training is complete, we look forward to becoming active in the Borough.

### Testimony

On Good Friday, two young ladies came out of Taps, one was running into the Town without her shoes. We caught up with her later as she was buying food in the Market Place. She was very grateful for a pair of flip flops. A conversation started about Street Pastors, and being a Christian. We gave her a leaflet about Easter.

Points for prayer are updated every month on our website. You can use the link on our Facebook page - see the back page for details.

Thank you to the team, and all our faithful prayer supporters. Prayer does make a difference!



Chatting with door security

## Funding

Our financial year is from 1<sup>st</sup> July, and our funding for the year was £2090. This came from individuals and a church.

Our expenditure during the year was £2029, our main costs being the provision of uniforms for trainees at £150.00 each. The bank balance at the end of the year was £6886.

We remain very grateful to those who have a commitment to supporting us in this way, and express our thanks and appreciation.

If you wish to make a donation, please see the contact details on the back page. Thank you.

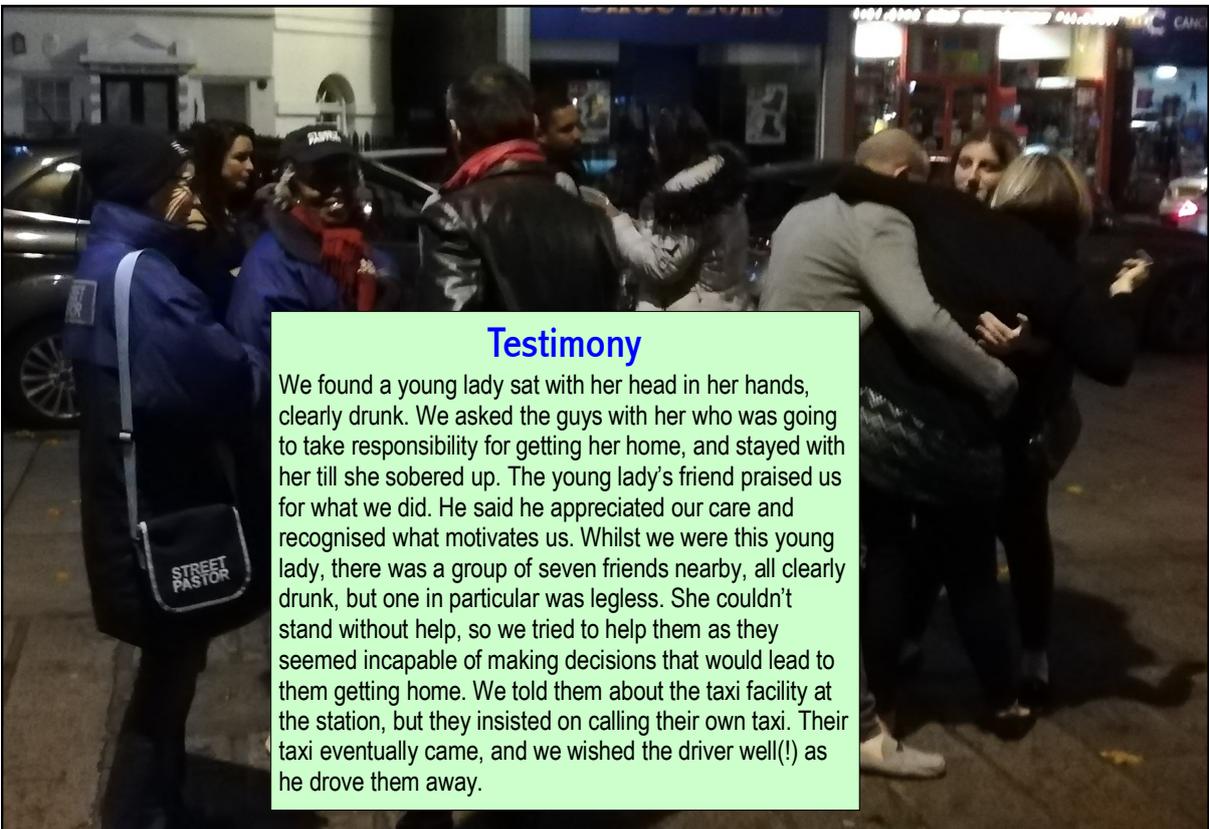
## Response Pastors

Last year three Enfield Street Pastors, undertook an extra days training to become Response Pastors.

A Response Pastor can be a crucial point of contact and an additional support to the established emergency services. Their primary task is to offer support and compassion to all in the event of a crisis or emergency. This may be outside emergency cordons at an incident, or specifically to assist in a Humanitarian Reception Centre for survivors, evacuees or other persons affected by the event.

### Testimony

Across the road we noticed a young lady sat on the floor with a number of guys milling around. They were trying to get her on her feet. Two of our group went over. This meant that most of the guys walked away, and a clearer picture could be established as to the young lady's situation, and which friend should take care of her. We wrapped her in a foil blanket to keep her warm, and gave her some water, partly to drink and partly to help clean herself up. Then, with the help of one of the Bar Form Security Staff, she was got on her feet and into a car.



### Testimony

We found a young lady sat with her head in her hands, clearly drunk. We asked the guys with her who was going to take responsibility for getting her home, and stayed with her till she sobered up. The young lady's friend praised us for what we did. He said he appreciated our care and recognised what motivates us. Whilst we were this young lady, there was a group of seven friends nearby, all clearly drunk, but one in particular was legless. She couldn't stand without help, so we tried to help them as they seemed incapable of making decisions that would lead to them getting home. We told them about the taxi facility at the station, but they insisted on calling their own taxi. Their taxi eventually came, and we wished the driver well(!) as he drove them away.

## Testimony

As things were quieting down someone brought a young lady to us. She was shouting and angry, and people were taunting her, calling her evil. She rejected our initial approach, saying she was of no worth and was going to kill herself. She had been drinking, and was grieving over her young son who is in Foster care. Over around 30 minutes, as one of the team continued to talk and pray with her and counter her negative words, she began to respond. Initially she gave the impression she was homeless, but we later managed to find out her home address. As she now said she trusted us, we took her home to protect her from people who taunted or didn't understand her, and saw her through her front door.



T asked us to pray for his mother

## Testimony

After a serious incident in the Town, a young lady came up to us in a state of panic. We helped and her friends as they tried to calm her down. We stayed with her for a while until her friends could get her into a car home.

Then a young guy came up with his friend and sister, and put his arm round a SP's shoulder. He said he just wanted someone to listen to him as he shared his concerns and shock at what he'd witnessed. He said he needed to be loved.

One of the casualties was a young lady who'd been thrown against a wall for her safety, but injured her leg in the process. Her friends were trying to get her home but some of them were a bit hyper in their attempts, which made things worse for the girl. We suggested they back off. Fortunately, a friend came with a vehicle to get her home. However, because the girl appeared to have no use of her right leg, we suggested they take her to A&E. After they had gone the others left, though not before profuse thanks and appreciation for our help.

Next month we met the young man who took the young lady home the previous Friday. He told us they had taken her to A&E, and she'd had to have surgery the next day on her knee which had been fractured.



Asking questions about God

## Testimony

Outside Taps we chatted with Rosa who is a single mum. She has a partner but it's a toxic, abusive relationship and she breaks up with him every day, though she's not able to leave him because of the financial situation. We were able to pray with her for her protection and to be at peace.

## Ever Onwards...

We regularly meet people who say how appreciative they are for what we do. They know we're looking out for them.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry you can do so in four ways:

- ◆ By training to be a Street or School Pastor.
- ◆ By becoming a Prayer Partner.
- ◆ By helping us financially.
- ◆ By inviting us to give a talk in your church or group.

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