

# Enfield Street Pastors

Newsletter

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Welcome to this, our 18th Newsletter. We trust you enjoy reading it even though Enfield Street Pastors, like everyone else, have had to negotiate the Covid 19 Pandemic. As a result, we were only able to patrol on 26 occasions compared to the usual 48. However, it was a good year with lots of encouraging opportunities to engage with people and fulfil our brief of being a 'listening, caring and helping' presence on the streets. Let the pictures tell their story.

## Testimony

We met this gentleman in Fore Street, Edmonton. He stopped us and asked about Street Pastors. After we explained what our role is we then listened for some time to his story. He told us that he and his wife came to the UK as asylum seekers. They are now settled and living with his wife's parents, and he's working hard in his job, but with very little hope for the future. We gave him time to share what was in fact a very sad story. We then asked if we could pray for him, and he was happy for us to do that.



### Testimony

The security guy in Tesco said the young people continued to come into the store and take things. Then they would mock and goad the staff to challenge them, and smash bottles on the floor if they did. He said McDonalds across the road have problems too.



Masked!



### Testimony

We spent a little while with a young lady from Tenerife. She was waiting at a bus stop on her way home after work at a pub. She said she wanted to find a new job that didn't involve being out late at night. She appreciated our company till the bus came, as she doesn't like being out late on her own.



### Testimony

We had a really long chat with this student who is feeling frustrated with lockdown. He comes from Wales and he's not allowed to go home to visit his parents because of the virus. We talked about how he was feeling and what he could do to improve things. He was happy for us to pray with him.

### Testimony

A doorman pointed a lady out to us that they'd asked to leave because she was drunk and being ill inside. She was now slumped against a wall, so we covered her with a thermal blanket and tried to make her comfortable. We kept coming back to her over a period of at least two hours, trying to help and keep her warm but, as she wouldn't give us her address so we could call a cab, and because she'd at some point fallen, hitting her head against a wall, we called an ambulance. They came quite quickly, and at least got her into the warmth of the vehicle.

As we were helping the lady there was a group of guys hanging around and looking on. They thought we were 'the authorities', but changed when we explained our role. They asked questions about marriage, and the conversation went on to questions about life in general and about God and Jesus in particular. We were able to pray with two of the guys.



Summer...  
Listening to concerns about BLM.



...and Christmas



### Testimony

We met G, who was begging outside the exit to the Underground. He said his girl friend C was at the other entrance. We had a chat and gave them information as to where they could get help. We also bought them food from McDonalds, and prayed for them.



Keeping an eye on drinkers near a venue.

### Testimony

We met Patrick, an elderly Irish gentleman we have met before. This time he wasn't quite so intoxicated, and we were able to walk along with him, and direct him to where he needed to be.

Timmy was being sick and saw us. He came over and said he'd drunk too much, and left his wife and friends inside the venue. He was open to us praying for him, and said it made him feel good.

A taxi drew up in Burleigh Way and a guy got out thinking we were parking attendants (won't be the first time). Then he recognised us 'God's people' and apologised to us. He welcomed our presence, and we had a friendly chat.

We chatted to some people outside Taps who wanted to know who Street Pastors are. One young lady did the explaining for us by testifying how she'd been helped by Street Pastors in the past.

## School Pastors

School Pastors relaunched last year in Enfield, with Jane Chappell as the new Coordinator, and we now have a team of five who have been trained. The training was disrupted by the pandemic and had to move online for the final sessions. Another person is training this year.

The lockdown has meant that we have not been able to start working in a school yet. We hope that this will soon be possible.

Enfield School Pastors originally began at the request of the then Safer Schools Sgt, at Easter 2012, and continued to patrol every Monday afternoon till the end of the 2018 summer term. It's good to have a fresh team ready for action.

### Testimony

A lady came up to us and asked how she could contact the Police. We showed her Edmonton Police Station was nearby on the other side of the road. She crossed and then stopped, so we crossed to see if she was OK. She said her husband had thrown her out of the house and, because they lived between where she was and the Police Station, she was too fearful of going there, even with us. We helped her dial 999 and explained to the officer that it was a case of domestic violence. She has three children, still at home with the husband, the youngest just two. We asked if we could pray with her. She was moved, and grateful for our staying with her. When one of the team had to get home, she became fearful we'd leave her. We waited with her till the Police came and took her to safety.

## Response Pastors

Currently four Enfield Street Pastors are also trained as 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.

The extra training means they are also more

## Prayer Team

Our teams continue to benefit from real time prayer support as Carol, our Prayer Coordinator, and her team pray over the requests each team passes back while out on patrol.

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

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



## Funding

Our financial year is from 1<sup>st</sup> July. All our funding for the year came from churches and individuals, and our total income raised during this financial year was £2960. Our total expenditure was £2643.

Our main expenditure is the provision of uniforms for new Street Pastors (£150.00 each) and School Pastors (£100.00 each). In addition, all Street Pastor areas in the UK contribute £800.00 each year to Ascension Trust who cover certain cost centrally like Insurance, Legal and IT provision.

We remain very grateful to those individuals and churches that 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 this page. Thank you..

## Testimony

By the BP Garage in Fore Street we noticed a group of young guys hanging around and using a phone kiosk as a drum kit. We decided to cross over to the garage, and they dispersed when they saw us. When we came to the kiosk we picked up 11 bottles, which could explain their exuberance.

It was quite busy at the Kings Head in the market, with lots of people sitting outside at the tables. We got talking to two young women who were sitting at one of the tables. They said that their boss at work was very demanding and was unkind to them. We offered to pray with them about the situation and they agreed. They said that they were Christians but not very religious! They also had various family problems and relationship issues that they wanted to discuss with us.

There was conflict outside a shop in Fore Street with a customer. We asked if everyone was OK and, after the guy had moved off, the proprietor came over to us and explained that the guy had taken things without paying, and they had confronted him. He shook us by the hand and thanked us.

## 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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