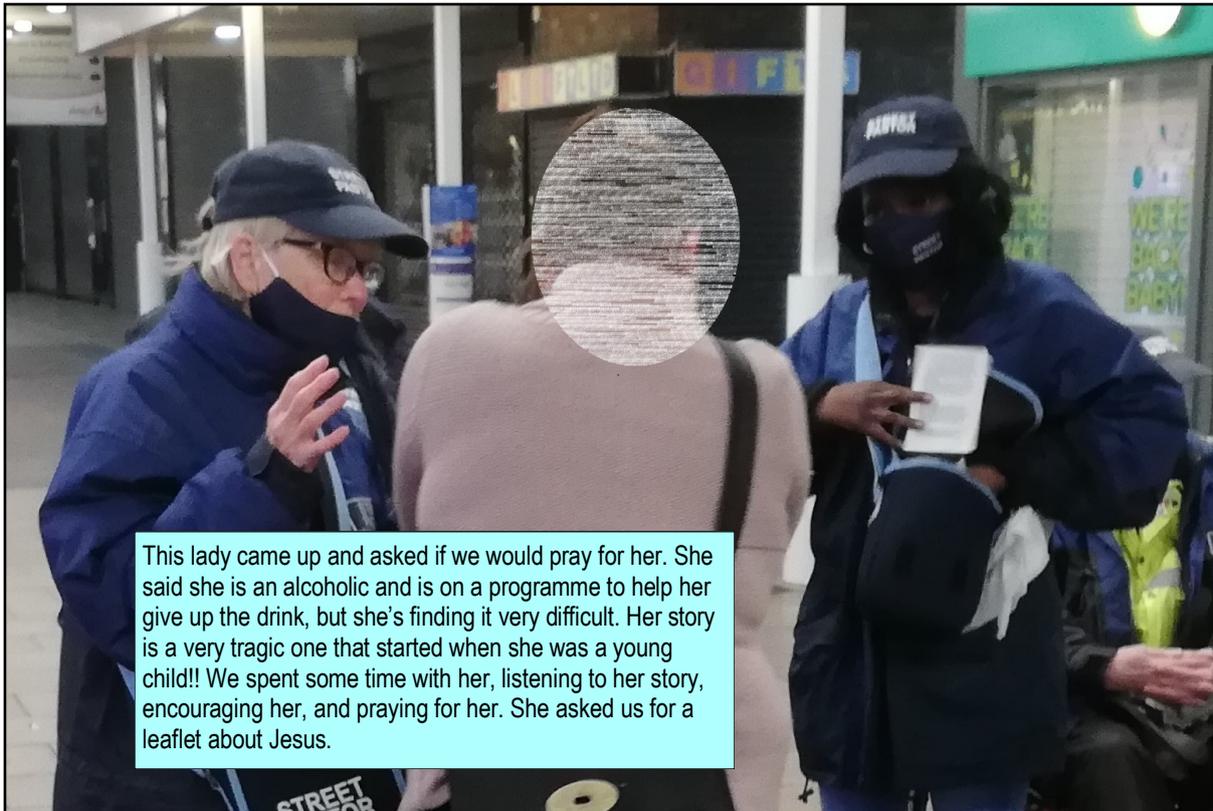


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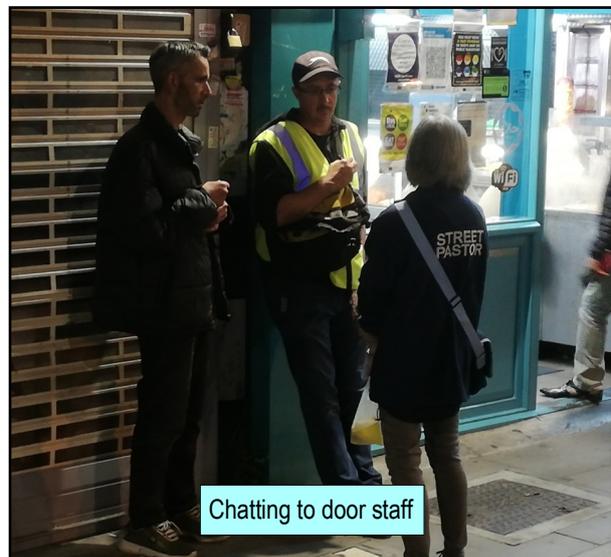


This lady came up and asked if we would pray for her. She said she is an alcoholic and is on a programme to help her give up the drink, but she's finding it very difficult. Her story is a very tragic one that started when she was a young child!! We spent some time with her, listening to her story, encouraging her, and praying for her. She asked us for a leaflet about Jesus.

Welcome to this, our 19th Newsletter. We trust you enjoy reading it.

Despite the Covid19 Virus, we were able to patrol on 35 occasions (compared to the usual 48), with the main focus of our patrols being the Fore Street corridor in Edmonton. Venues were largely closed in Enfield Town, though we continued patrols in Chase Side, Southgate.

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 and testimonies tell their story.



Chatting to door staff

Testimony

On our way back to The Green we spoke to a guy sat at a bus stop. He was obviously not waiting for a bus and we asked if he had anywhere for the night, and whether he was hungry. We took him to a nearby Kebab shop and bought him a meal, and gave him a number of relevant information leaflets. We prayed with him, and gave him an opportunity to meet up again so we could follow him up.

Testimony

In Edmonton Shopping Centre we met four young guys. One was called 'Tallman' - because he is tall! However, as we chatted with them, he started telling his friends that Street Pastors had previously prayed for him when he was about to be evicted from his flat. He said he'd later gone to court and the eviction was overturned, which he put down to the power of prayer. So, he asked us to pray for his three friends as well. We talked for a while and then we prayed for them all.

At the bus stop outside the police station we started to talk to a guy called Adlan. He said he is a Muslim but asked us to pray for him because he wanted to give up smoking.

A young man called Sergio came up asked us to pray for him. He said he'd just been kicked out of the house by his baby's mother, so we prayed for him. He thanked us and walked away.

Testimony

In Fore Street, we observed a commotion on the opposite side of the road. It would seem that a man was having a go at, or hit a lady, then picked up a couple of shopping bags and left. We crossed the road to enquire how this lady was. Initially, she didn't want our help, but we persisted to make sure she was alright, and spent the next 40-45 minutes with her as she unloaded her story. She told us she has self-harmed and attempted suicide in the past which resulted in her being admitted to hospital. She is worried about her mum in Ireland who is very ill and on a dialysis machine. She asked if we would pray for her and her mum, which we did. Eventually we put her into a cab to make sure she got home safely.

Testimony

We met a man called M who originally came from Somalia by a tortuous route. He said he was originally a Muslim but converted to Christianity, and because of this he was persecuted by his family. His father hired people to kill him. He said he is looking for somewhere to sleep, and we tried to get somewhere. He requested a Bible from us and was pleased to receive it. He seems well versed with Scripture from the conversation we had with him. We prayed with him. When we met him on another occasion we took him to Silver Street Station to get his Oyster Card topped up.

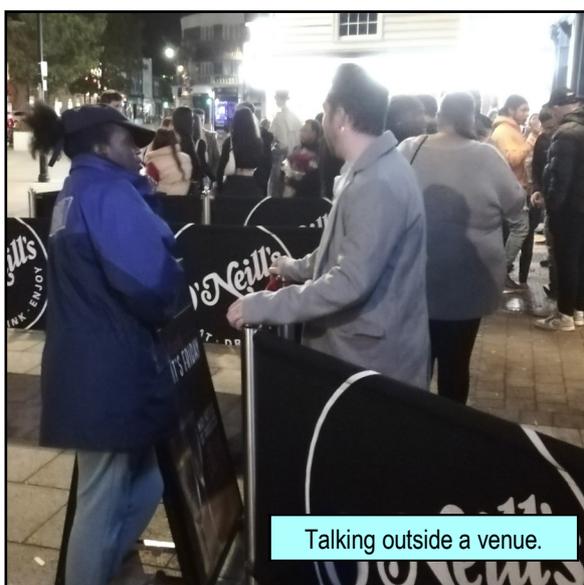


Testimony

We met two other homeless guys asking for food. One of them told us he was a labourer struggling to find work because of Covid. He said he came to this country 12 years ago. He was living with his girlfriend before the pandemic; the relationship broke up; now he is jobless and homeless. We bought them chicken and chips, and gave them our list of churches providing food, and information regarding homeless services.



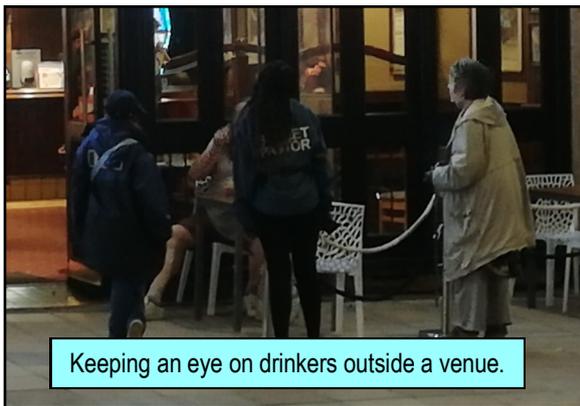
We said hello to the guy serving in a late night convenience store. He was very generous and gave us a couple of large bunches of bananas.



Talking outside a venue.



Waiting at a bus stop late at night with a young lady on her way home



Keeping an eye on drinkers outside a venue.



We spoke to four guys sat drinking at a table. They were long-time friends, and this was a reunion. We had a general, light hearted chat which became a good chat about God and Jesus. We asked if we could pray for them, and challenged M regarding his relationship with God..



This store holder came out for a chat. He shared his story with us, and his ambitions over the years.

School Pastors

We now have six School Pastors trained, and we are keen to get started in a secondary school in Enfield.

We have approached one school in particular and are awaiting a response. The pandemic has meant that schools have not been open to having new people come in and work with them. Meanwhile, we have started doing prayer walking as a team to prepare the ground for our work. We are praying that we will be able to start work in a school very soon.

Testimony

We heard some noisy ladies in the bus station so went to chat with them, Hannah, Tyone, and Chanelle. The three of them had been out for the evening and were waiting for their cab to arrive. Verbally they were in excellent form. We asked them what their goals are and chatted about marriage, making money, and a bit of religion. We prayed for God to bless them.

We met an older lady standing on a street corner with a very large suitcase. We asked if she was OK, and she said she was hungry, so we bought her a meal. While we waited with her suitcase, she walked some way down a side street to get another large bag. We understood she was trying to get them to the bus stop so we obliged and helped her onto her bus with her meal.

As we waited to cross the road, Alex came out of his Sandwich Bar and gave us tea and coffee which was very welcome. Whilst waiting we chatted to the guy serving in the convenience store next door who was outside. We asked how things are going and whether he gets any trouble from shoplifters. He said you have to be vigilant and he stands outside the shop as a security measure.

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 equipped for our own patrols.

Prayer Team

Our teams continue to benefit from real time prayer support as Carol, our Prayer Coordinator, and her team pray over the prayer requests each team phones through 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 1st July. All our funding for the year came from churches and individuals, and our total income raised during this financial year was £2825. Our total expenditure was £1807.

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 costs 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

We came across a lady who was crying. It seems her boyfriend had beaten her up and her phone was broken. As the cab offices were closed, we ordered her an Uber and sent her home to Dalston.

We stood around a group of around five young ladies shouting at each other, with three guys trying to intervene. At the moment it was just verbal, but was on the verge of becoming physical, so we contacted the prayer team and prayed ourselves. After a while it all dissolved and they went their separate ways.

A young guy came up to us and said he'd met us a year or so ago at the station when he was doing a lot of bad things. He remembers we spoke to him and told him there was more to life than the things he was doing. He said this helped him change his life, and things are going well for him. We prayed with him.

We spoke to a gentleman sat on the steps of the drinking fountain. He thanked us for enquiring after his welfare. We spoke to him again later, and kept an eye on him as he seemed vulnerable.

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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