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## Evesham – seven years on

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As we start our 7th year it is interesting that the challenges of the nightlife of Evesham remains much the same, there is still a great need. I also find it encouraging that we get to know the young people out on the town for a few years and then see them during the daytime with partners and babies. One young lady said to me, 'I've matured'. It is a real privilege to have

journeyed with these people during this phase of their lives.

Whether the nights are busy or quiet we have great opportunities to speak to people; sometimes the conversations are quite long and personal. We live in a world where no-one has time to chat; we do and are happy to share in the joys and sorrows of those we meet. Before we go out on patrol we pray that we will be led to those in particular need and so often we find we are in the right place at the right time.

On the back of this Prayer Letter we have listed: those involved; the main clubs and pubs; the support services and the Churches who support our work. Please continue to pray for the work of Street Pastors and all those involved.

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### From our Prayer Co-ordinator

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What is happening to our world? The times really do seem to be 'out of joint'. How do the Street Pastors manage to break through as channels of the love of God? They do it with compassion and perception, with the art of listening and staying calm and cheerful. With so much grief and pain, loss of hope and fears for the future, hate crimes and violence, greed and deception, how shall we begin to pray? We can be silent before God who knows and sees it all; his heart is breaking too. Evesham is not alone.

We must think globally and pray locally : one patrol report indicates an increase in drug use; a homelessness survey this month might help in finding ways to tackle the problem and relieve the misery; loneliness through marriage break-up leads one man to blame Christianity for his plight – there is much to unpack with such a problem and a need for wisdom. Then there are vulnerable people who need the support of friends who sometimes fail them.

In spite of the difficulties we continue to thank God for the welcome and appreciation shown to the Street Pastors and for the support of the police. They need our prayers too as do all who work to give pleasure, fun and safety in the nightlife of our town.

*Sheila Himsworth*

Please pray regularly for all those involved in Street Pastors in Evesham

**Pray for our town,**

- the pubs, the main venues of the 'night time economy'  
Ye Olde Red Horse  
Chancers  
Ambassadors  
DugOut (Gardeners Arms)  
Ruby Jack's  
Marilyn's  
Bar 24  
Red Lion  
Old Swanne Inn  
The Valkyrie Café Bar  
Unwined – wine bar  
Orto Lounge  
The Outside Inn & Courtyard

- the late night cafés,  
Domino's Pizza  
Marco's Pizza  
Pomodoro Pizza  
Snappy Pizza

Please remember

- the Police and Ambulance Service who support our Street Pastors
  - door staff at the clubs who have a serious responsibility to check the clientele and maintain calm.
  - taxi drivers who are the last to get to bed
  - street cleaners who are the first to get up.
- Please pray especially for the emergency services who safeguard us all day and night.**

**Pray for each of our Street Pastors (leaders in bold) who are on duty on either Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights:**

Peter Barry	Andy Foster
Diane Bennett	Silvie Jelínková
<b>Simon Brown</b>	Chiara Pelazza
Simi Bujdošová	Mike Powell
Trevor Burton	Carol Sheehan
Andrew Capel	<b>Chris Sheehan</b>
<b>John Darby</b>	Andrew Spurr
Sandie Davies	<b>Graham Wells</b>
Lee Fisher	Steve Wilderspin
<i>In Training:</i>	<i>James Slimmon</i>

**for Prayer Partners – without whose support Evesham Street Pastors will not set out.**

Liz Booth	Margaret Fuller
Diane Bennett	Sheila Himsworth
Stuart Brown	Jackie Johns
Heather Bryce	Derek Markie
Robert Bryce	Rachel Powell
Diane Capel	Kay Wall
Joyce Davey	Heather Walsh
Anne Evans	Paul Wingert
Lee Fisher	Anne Yelland

**and for our Board of Trustees**

Diane Bennett MBE
Ralph Bolland
<b>John Darby (Co-ordinator)</b>
Sheila Himsworth
Tom Meldrum
<b>Edward Pillar (Chairman)</b>
Andrew Spurr
Kay Wall
Our Treasurer, Derek Markie and representatives of the Police and Wychavon DC who meet with them.



**Pray for the churches** who reach out to the community in so many ways and also support Street Pastors financially:

- All Saints Parish Church
- Evesham Baptist Church
- Elim Christian Centre
- Fairfield Church
- Evesham Methodist Church
- Evesham Quaker Meeting
- Evesham Salvation Army
- St Mary's & St Egwin's Catholic Church
- St Peter's Church, Bengeworth
- St Andrew's Church, Hampton Vale of Evesham Christian Centre

Pray especially for Churches Together initiatives reaching out to the 'un-churched' in experimental ways. Surprisingly frequently we are asked about our Christian belief; 2.00 am is probably not the best time for these conversations, so SoulFood provides a place where these discussions can take place.

**SoulFood  
Each Sunday at 6 pm  
at All Saints**

For more information on all of these initiatives please contact John Darby on 07747842192 or [evesham@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:evesham@streetpastors.org.uk)



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