



Exeter Street Pastors Newsletter Autumn Edition November 2019



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Key Dates

Prayer Meetings
2nd Monday in the month
11 Nov., 9th Dec., 12th Jan., 7.30pm
St Leonard's Church, Exeter

Next Training Start Date

Monday 24th February 2020

Want to find out more?

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10th Anniversary Celebrations

Nearly 500 people came along to our 10th Anniversary Service at Exeter Cathedral in June.

Current, former and new Street and Prayer Pastors attended, along with the Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer, Simon Lane Exeter City Council, and Street Pastor founder, the Rev Les Isaac; all praised and recognised the "brilliant" role we have played keeping young people safe on the city's streets. Exeter's Lord Mayor, Peter Holland was also present.

"It was a true celebration," said Di Hurst, Exeter Street Pastors co-ordinator. "The singing was amazing; we raised the roof of the cathedral! Every denomination was there; it was wonderful to see so many people supporting and celebrating our work over the past 10 years."

"We are God's hands and feet on the streets, bringing our faith to people who would not step inside a church normally. We are taking the church to the people."

Eight new Street Pastors were commissioned during the service and afterwards dignitaries and pastors attended a party at the Mary Arches base.

We had good media coverage of our anniversary with reports on BBC Spotlight, DevonLive, the Express & Echo, One Magazine, and Radio Exe. "The media was very positive which was an answer to prayer," said Di Hurst. "Trying to get a positive Christian message across is very difficult. It was good to shine a light on Street Pastors and our Christian message. We're now looking forward to the next 10 years and wondering what's our next big thing? Please keep praying everyone!"

Join Exeter Street Pastors, described as a “brilliant team” by the Chief Constable!

Are you a night owl and like to care, listen and help people?

Exeter High Street is the place for you to be, helping those who don't know God and where you can be the hands and feet of Jesus.

We have three roles: **Street Pastor, Prayer Pastor and as an ESP Friend.**

Our teams come from churches across Exeter and beyond, and after 10 years we've really got into our stride! We found acceptance with members of the public and service providers including the police, CCTV control, pubs' and clubs' door staff, and the council.

Street Pastors walk the streets of Exeter between 10.30pm and 3.00am every Friday and Saturday night in teams of three or four, usually mixed sexes, and the main problems we find are anti-social behaviour, usually caused by alcohol, homelessness, loneliness and people who are vulnerable after a night out.

Prayer Pastors have an equally important role in the team. We need them at our Mary Arches base listening to the official radio chatter and prayer request from the teams out and praying into everything going on, and to show hospitality to the Street Pastors teams and police alike, especially on a Saturday night.

Are you? Over 18? A Christian and regular attender of a local church? Able to provide a positive reference from the leader of the church? Able to clear a DBS Check (for Street Pastors only)?



Prayer Points

We know God answers prayers and we'd love you to regularly pray for us – here's some ideas. If you're really keen, we've got a prayer book which can be ordered via the Street Pastor online shop.

Current Prayer Points

- Helping keep increasing numbers of lone females safe
- A reduction in drug use which is a significant problem
- Keep first year students safe, to have good interactions with them and conversations about the various city churches they could attend.
- **Builders' Friday 20th December** Please pray for this very busy night when all the building sites close down and tradesmen start celebrating!

We thank God for:

- Street Pastors from different churches working together in wonderful harmony.
- The good news of His love expressed in Jesus – a love that is for sharing.

Specific to ESP:


- Gods' peace on the streets of Exeter.
- Strong support and co-operation from local churches of all denominations.
- The ability to express Jesus' love to all we encounter regardless of how they present themselves.
- Gods' peace and safety as we encounter troubled people.
- Recruitment of Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors.
- Street Pastor and Prayer Pastor training and growth in their faith.

Donate

ESP Friend helping us to fund bottled water, flip-flops, other necessities and training; by giving on a regular basis

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