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Prayer Bulletin January 2026

In October we heard from the National Lottery Community fund that they would be giving us a grant towards our work in 2026 and 2027, hence their logo at the base of the newsletter. This was an answer to prayer, particularly as there were challenges to some of the other sources of funding which have been significant for us in the past, and even though our costs are modest they have, like many charities, been increasing in recent years.

Robert Kingston – Chair



Reclaim the Night – November 2025

On Friday 28 November, the Gloucester Street Pastors took part in supporting the 'Reclaim the Night' parade which is part of the international 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence campaign, which calls for an end to violence against women and girls (VAWG). It was an inspiring evening of community, solidarity, and support.

Our work:

September

- Regular conversations with some of the homeless people in Gloucester, giving water and a listening ear.
- Lollipops are a great icebreaker to start off conversations.
- Assistance given to Claire* who had lost her flat keys, and whose partner then became violent and was subsequently arrested. Claire* declined further help from our team, but the team referred her to the Night Angels who organised a locksmith.
- Assistance given to an elderly gentleman at 2.30am who was sat at a bus stop but had no money to get home. Concerned for his wellbeing an Uber was arranged to take him home.
- Walked Mrs T* home as she was possibly under drug influence or mental illness.

October

- Flip flops are often given out to those who either have bare feet or are struggling to walk in their heels. People are very appreciative of this simple item to help them get mobile safely.
- Helped Jane* who was very drunk and persuaded her to call an Uber. The team stayed with her and lent her one of their jackets until it arrived.
- Paul* had recently lost his brother and asked the team for prayer and the team encouraged him to not resort to drinking large amounts of alcohol as it was making him aggressive but they managed to calm him down.
- Prayed with 'Big Issue' Tom* who has serious medical issues.
- Team called to assist in a situation outside GL1 where a girl was very drunk – waited until dad came to collect her.

- A conversation with Joanne* who shared about her faith, how she had been assaulted and her grief after the loss of her stepfather to cancer.
- Stayed with a barely conscious girl until the medics arrived.

November

- Regal bar staff called to team to assist with a group of female students – one of the girls had been doing drugs. The team came across the group later in the evening and so they walked with them back to their Blackfriars student accommodation.
- Assisted incident where man was pulled off his bicycle. Fortunately there were no injuries.
- Prayed with Joe* for his mental health and for him to feel God's love.
- Prayed with George* for God's protection and his mental health.
- Asked to support street medic with an injured girl.
- Doorman asked for prayer as he had health issues.

December

- A good conversation was had with a boy who had been recently bereaved.
- Helped Mark* who was very drunk and not able to walk. Worked with the street medic and waited with him until his brother took him home.
- Assisted a girl who had a minor head injury. The team advised the friend to call 111 if she started vomiting.
- James*, 26 years old with complex needs was feeling suicidal so the team stayed and talked to him for a long time.
- Steve* had lost his phone. We gave him a coat and talked to him about faith.

*Actual names have been replaced to protect identities.

Every week we continue to receive thanks and compliments from services and members of the public.

Thank God . . .

- Praise God for the thanks we receive whilst on patrol. It is encouraging to hear that Street Pastors are valued on the streets of Gloucester.
- Praise God for those who have shown recent interest in Street Pastors; may their interest grow into volunteering.
- Praise God for safe keeping during the Christmas and New Year patrols.
- Please pray for a good team spirit as each patrol goes out on the streets of Gloucester.

Please pray . . .

she deals with Robert's restricted mobility.

- Please pray for Lesley, our Administrator as she plans the spring patrols leading up to Easter, and copes with the background matters supporting Street Pastors.

Gloucester Street Pastors is very grateful for the significant support of numerous churches and charitable organisations and funders to enable us to operate. That support comes in the form of financial donations, prayer support, use of church buildings and rooms for training and prayer meetings and general interest in our quarterly 'Good News and interventions' emails.



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When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harrassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Matthew 9:36



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