



## ***Street Pastors Leicester***

1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

### **Responding to an Emergency**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February I received a call from Leicester City Resilience Team asking whether we could support people after the devastating explosion on Hinckley Road. The leader of the Resilience Team went on to explain they wanted 3 pastors every 6 hours the first shift starting at 6am the next day. She then went onto say she expected the requirement to continue until the end of the week.

I began contacting the local members and they were brilliant!!! Several of them made their way over to the site as they had had emergency training from the City team; many arriving after work to complete the 6pm – midnight shift. I also contacted the Ascension Trust. Mary Bridget got back to me first thing Wednesday morning and put out a call for Response Pastors. By 8pm Wednesday night a team of 4 Response Pastors had arrived in Leicester from all over the country- Portsmouth, Bristol!! Fantastic dedication as despite their journeys they began supporting immediately!! Thank you to Russ, Julie and Simon who offered hospitality to these Pastors!

Today we have been informed that the support being offered will begin to scale down and so the teams are being stood down. I cannot express my thankfulness and amazement at the persistence and care offered by this dedicated group of volunteers.

**Thank you**