

July/ August



On the Streets Of Leicester

We are preparing for the influx of new people which signals the start of the university term. By the end of September we will see the population of Leicester swell by thousands of young people—perhaps away from home for the first time. We often find we are a reassuring presence when the partying goes too far and perspectives get skewed. We spend time handing out flipflops and directions to newbies! We ask that you pray for these young people as they face choices that will challenge their values.

We ask that you pray for more people to be called to this ministry as there are more and more needs being presented on the streets of Leicester. The city centre is driving forward hoping to make Leicester attractive to both those that live close by and to those who may visit. As Street Pastors we would like to be able to support this regeneration and be in the city to welcome visitors. We endeavour to attend large events such as Christ in the Centre and the up and coming "Jesus Loves Leicester" event in the city centre on 29th September. However, we face a shortage of volunteers and resources so your prayers for an increase in both would be amazing.



Leicester Street Pastors

Being the Face of Jesus in Leicester

The Work we have done in July and August

July kept us busy; supporting a woman who had been abandoned by her friends and staying with her until a taxi could come.

Our presence calmed a potential aggressive situation between a taxi driver and some potential customers.

We: Collected **610 glasses/ bottles**

Had **102** conversations/interactions

Supported **5** vulnerable people

Explained to **27** individuals our role

Helped **51** people in a practical way

Gave **75** volunteer hours

August saw our teams out on patrol in the hot summer weather. We are building really good relationships with the local clubs and pubs. We supported a paralysed man who had fallen out of his wheelchair and waited with him until the ambulance arrived. We supported those who had over celebrated and needed water and rest to recuperate.

We: collected **337** glasses/ bottles

Had **110** conversations/interactions

Supported **3** vulnerable people

Explained to **16** individuals our role

Helped **53** people in a practical way

Gave **101** volunteer hours

The story of Leicester

At the end of July we commissioned Isaac at St Cuthbert's Church in Great Glen. Isaac is our youngest volunteer and provokes many conversations about why he is a Street Pastor and not out in the clubs. God is utilising him greatly out on the streets of Leicester. We were welcomed at St Cuthbert's with cups of tea and coffee after the service and some marvellous cup cakes baked by the Minister. The support of Isaac's church is essential in his ministry— their prayer and interest in his work ensures that the city of Leicester is prayed about. Prayer is a vital component of our ministry and if anyone feels they could commit to praying once a month for a team we would be so grateful. If God lays this on your heart please contact: Anne on Leicester@streetpastors.org.uk



Ascension Trust

The wonderful sun has been blazing down this summer and we've started hearing those stock phrases that come out once in a blue moon, 'it's the hottest summer since records began'. But the caution in me is already waiting for the next stock phrase "it's the coldest/wettest/driest (insert season/month) since records began"

Through all of this we are in the season of celebration. Ascension Trust is in its 25th year of operation and Street Pastors have been active for 15 years. The biggest reason we've been around for as long as we have, is the commitment and faithfulness of our volunteers and teams to the call of Jesus to be the Church on the streets. One example of this is from our Street Pastor team in Plymouth...

"Anne Scarfe at age 86 won the ITV Pride of Britain Local Hero Award for her work as a Street Pastor and with the local Soup Run and a project feeding the homeless. A few months before her 90th birthday, she rang to say she'd been arguing with God as she felt he was saying to stop being a Street Pastor but she didn't want to (!) but felt that she should obey and hand her uniform back, which she did. A few months after that she was diagnosed with stage 4 lymph node cancer so we prayed together and God healed her, to the point where her GP said "Right, no more chemotherapy needed!"

I then got another phone call, asking if it would be ok for her to come back as A Prayer Pastor, which she did and still is at 91 years old!"

May you continue to see the Kingdom grow and may Jesus continue to encourage you in the knowledge that you are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Kind Regards,
Eustace Constance