



STREETSIDE

Minehead Street Pastors

Part of the bigger picture

With a current number of national volunteers running into thousands across 250+ schemes, Street Pastors are now here to stay!

At an inspirational praise service in Taunton in May, our latest recruits had the privilege of being commissioned by Rev. Les Isaac, founder of the scheme, and recently awarded the O.B.E. for his work. This was followed in June, by the National Street Pastors & Prayer Pastors conference, again in Taunton and attended by Coordinators from the UK, Republic of Ireland and Wales as well as teams from Antigua and Trinidad and Tobago!

Rev. Les spoke of how it has taken 10 years, to get hold of God's vision for Street Pastors, and for our country, and how relationships are at the heart of Street Pastors – with each other and with Jesus. It is these relationships

that enable us to get on and do what we do with and for people.

From its humble beginnings with 18 people in Brixton, Street Pastors are now to be found in every London Borough and across the length and breadth of the British Isles.

We know what we do in our own communities at weekends, but Jesus is making a difference in other ways as well. In N. Ireland, Street Pastors are bringing people of different backgrounds together in ways not known before; Gibraltar is exploring setting up the scheme and is talking to Spain in the process.

We have to capture data to show the outcomes of Street Pastors – 600,000 volunteer patrol hours equivalent to £15.5 million worth of uniformed presence on the streets,

4,000 weapons removed off the streets etc. However, Les spoke of the ways in which God is doing something far bigger than these statistics show. Volunteers are supporting individuals, giving them and communities a chance, by sharing Jesus and changing lives. Like thousands of other Street Pastors, our team in Minehead is part of something far bigger than we can imagine, far bigger than our town, community or country.

As we pray and work together, we are following Jesus and impacting peoples lives – and being part of God's vision.

Barbara



“ here to listen...” “ here to care...”

New faces working together...



Coordinator Barbara with Les



Keith, Ken, Les, Erica, Audrey & Sue



Pete and Sue

Prayer

Prayer for all Street Pastor areas which are struggling;

Prayer for all Prayer, Street or School Pastor Coordinators;

Prayer for the leaders and staff at Ascension Trust;

Prayer for unity and understanding throughout Street and School Pastors;

Prayer for encouragement and a sense of family throughout Street Pastors nationally, and the expansion of Street and School Pastors;

Prayer for relationships with government, police, statutory bodies and other churches and Christian ministries.

Prayer for our town, and for further working together of all churches in Christian outreach

Prayer for Nuneaton Street Pastors, with whom we are prayer partnering, especially for more Prayer Pastors in their scheme

Thank you for your support

Friends of Street Pastors

Being a Street Pastor is not for everyone! You might want to express your support for this work without becoming a Street Pastor. Becoming a Friend of Street Pastors allows you to do this. If you commit to donating £10 per year to the work of the scheme, we will send you regular updates and hold regular prayer meetings to allow you to come together with others, to hear more about the work, and pray together for our town and for our Street Pastors. FRIENDS OF STREET PASTORS FORMS are available in all churches.

The National Prayer Pastors Gathering was held in Taunton this year, which 3 of us attended from Minehead. It proved to be an inspirational and encouraging day for the delegates who came from all parts of the country, one even flew in from Jersey! Les Isaac, the founder of Street Pastors, set the tone for the day with his introductory address, urging us to grasp the importance of prayer. He showed how every movement of God through the ages has been soaked in prayer. The aim of the day was that it would be a catalyst to get prayer back in the engine room of power. If we get that right, every thing else will fall into place.

We were encouraged to

hear what Street Pastors have achieved in such a short time, and of new initiatives for the future, some requested by the Home Office or Police because they can see the difference we make. 'When you are around the atmosphere changes.' We were challenged to think of what we expected God to do:

God can do anything you know - far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! [Ephesians ch.3, v20, The Message] Do we have wild dreams? If not, can we expect God to do anything? Do we have a heart for our Nation? Do we weep over the state of our young people?

I was challenged by another verse too, which seems to follow me around:

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. [2 Chronicles ch.7, v14]

Are you challenged too? I invite you to join the Prayer Pastors team!

Jill Keeling

Barbara: Please don't be put off by the thought of staying up until 3 am! If you feel that you would like to join us and would prefer to limit your time to a couple of hours, we would be delighted to have you.

SchoolPastors

An initiative of Ascension Trust

Where Street Pastors has responded to the needs of the community on the streets at night, School Pastors aims to respond to the needs of the school community in a mutually worked agreed partnership. School Pastors will work to build and develop relationships between student, home and school to encourage students to positively relate to peers, teachers and the wider community. After several meetings with staff and members of different churches, we are delighted to be beginning the process of launching the scheme here, with West Somerset Community College. Initially, an in house scheme will launch, whilst we begin the official Ascension Trust process. Although, there is a long way to go, if you feel that you would be interested in volunteering for a lunchtime patrol or prayer support, {subject to CRB clearance & training}, please let me know ASAP.

Barbara

STREET PASTORS™

We need YOU!

We hope that you are as excited by Minehead Street Pastors as we are. However, we need your support to help us continue to work together to make a difference:

- **ESPECIALLY** Street Pastors who actually patrol the streets
- Prayer Team members to look after the spiritual and physical needs of SPs whilst they work
- If you are interested in receiving a short talk or presentation for your school, church or organization, please email or phone Barbara

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