

Spring 2020 Street Pastors Newcastle



We welcomed our new volunteers with a commissioning service on 29th January 2020. Celebrating what God has achieved through Street Pastors, Regent Chapel provided an ideal place for family, friends, Street Pastors, Northumbria Police, the Lord Mayor David Cook and the lady Mayoress to join in the celebration. During the service, both the Lord Mayor and Chief Inspector gave their appreciation and support for Street Pastors

Gerard, David, Michelle, Steve, Tom, Carolyn & Roz (Paul will be commissioned in March), will join our team of Street Pastors serving in the city of Newcastle. They have been through training provided by Northumbria Police (night time economy & vulnerable people), Samaritans (listening skills), Hope for Justice (modern slavery) and Props NE (Drugs & Alcohol addiction). The Red Cross provided first aid training. The Ascension trust & our Coordinator have also had sessions with the new SPs.

As Street Pastors they have promised to commit to one evening a month either on a Friday or Saturday. Patrolling on the streets of Newcastle between 10pm – 4am. Joining a team of 3 or 4 they will be dealing with situations from simple first aid to looking after victims of violent attacks, from encouraging people to sitting and praying with the homeless, from giving directions to getting a vulnerable person home safely.

Street Pastors simply look to be Jesus to those we meet. Seeking to love our neighbours, regardless of age, race, religion, behaviour, sexual orientation, gender or social standing. The main groups we serve are the people who are enjoying themselves in the city, the police, door staff and the homeless. We've received praise from all quarters and many have said that their perception of the church has changed since encountering a Street Pastor.

“In 2020, God is leading us with an assurance he will be with us. Our 48 trained volunteer Street Pastors are a dedicated team. This year my aim is to strengthen the team, to enable 2 teams to go out on Saturdays. This will enable us to Care for, Listen to and Help more vulnerable people in the city centre”

Paul Waugh Newcastle Street Pastors Coordinator

Our work in the City Centre for 2019 has included:

Calls attended: 234

Vulnerable people helped: 348

Pairs of flip flops given out: 810

Spacey (foil) blankets used: 564

Bottles of water given out: 1292

First aid to: 27 people

Bottles/Glasses collected and binned: 4230

People we've spoken to: 6,525

Faith conversations: 100



We have recently received a thank you.

“My friend was incredibly drunk and unresponsive on the floor. I am a very petite person and could not do much to help beyond talking with her but the team of street pastors came over and were so lovely and friendly to us whilst we planned next steps and we decided to take her to a safe haven bus. They managed to get my friend walking and guide her there safely. So many thank yous! Whilst I hadn't been drinking, I would have been so out of my depth physically to manage her and it was a blessing to have some people come to help with kindness and humanity and get her moving, gently but firmly and get us out of the street so there was some dignity and safety. I don't think I knew about street pastors in Newcastle – I don't go out much! But to have that help was amazing and I had no idea these people were volunteers. Thank you so much for helping us and all the work you do”

Would you like to know more about becoming a Street Pastor ?

Call Paul (Coordinator) for a chat: 07840 827614

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