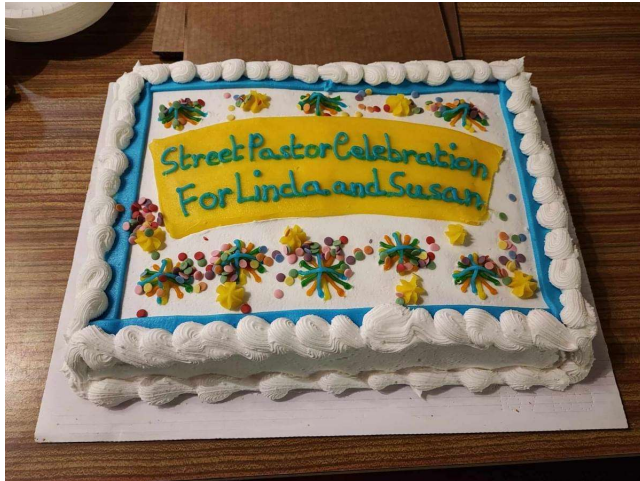




Newcastle Street Pastors 15 years and counting

Autumn 2024



Thank you, from a member of the public.

“Good morning, last night around 11pm my friends and I were heading to the metro and just outside Central Station we found a guy who was very unwell. He thought he'd been spiked. 3 of your lovely team arrived and took over from us. I just want to say a huge thank you for the work you do to keep people safe. You are true heroes. I really hope he got home safely. Please pass on my appreciation to your team.”

New Street Pastors

In the last 12 months we have commissioned 5 new street pastors Linda, Susan, Glen, Paul & Ruth & with another five volunteers to be commissioned later this year it is exciting times for Newcastle Street Pastors. The need for a listening, caring, and helping presence on the city's streets continues to grow.

So far this year (Jan- Aug) we have helped 264 people who had become vulnerable during the hours 22:00 & 04:00 on Friday & Saturday nights to safety. Handed out 350 pairs of Flip Flops to prevent injury. Handed out 649 bottles of water. Given 317 safety blankets for warmth. Binned 2327 bottles/Glasses.

Unrest

As I write this newsletter, there has been unrest in many cities across the nation. After the horrific events in Southport in July. Two of our volunteers Tim & Lynne were able to go to Southport to help Southport Street Pastors support the community.



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A report from Lynne on her patrol in Southport

“This weekend Tim and I had the privilege of serving our Lord on the streets of Southport. Working with Response Pastors from Southport, Manchester, and Oldham, we spent time with members of the community at each of the locations where floral tributes, teddies and balloons are being placed. Southport is a close-knit community, so many people we spoke to had a close or personal connection to the tragedy including relatives and school friends. The police really valued our presence as they were struggling to know how to comfort people, being very shocked by the events themselves. It was very humbling to witness the outpouring of love and support people had for one another at each of the vigils.”

Street Pastors can be identified in the following scripture, The parable of the good Samaritan Luke 10: 25 – 37. We seek to love our neighbours, regardless of age, race, religion, behaviour, sexual orientation, gender, or social standing.



We serve the night-time economy, partygoers, the Police, the Door staff, and the people on the street. We have received praise from all quarters, and many have said that their perception of the church has changed since encountering Street Pastors

There are two main aspects to our ministry. The first is the practical assistance we offer, as mentioned above. The other is the pastoral support. We find that many people are hurting and simply need a listening ear and an arm around their shoulder. This is not only the people on the streets, but also people who often have had far too much to drink / drug abuse. We do not claim to provide a practical solution to all their problems, but we can signpost agencies who can help further. For many, we are simply people who are willing to care and offer advice and support in their time of need.

Your prayers and financial support mean so much to us.

Thank you,
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