



Another Great Year...

Since the last Commissioning Service in 2015, it has been another great year for Northampton Street and School Pastors.

In September 2015 School Pastors started at the Weston Favell Academy, patrolling on Fridays afternoons, outside the school, along routes that the students take home and in the nearby Weston Favell shopping centre. The team has been very well received by the school and the shopping centre management, as they contribute to creating a safer environment for the students.

In addition, School Pastors have continued their relationship with Northampton Academy which began in September 2014, patrolling in a similar way on Thursday afternoons. Again the team is very much appreciated by the school.

Northampton Street Pastors typically have teams out on the streets of Northampton every Saturday evening and the last Friday of the month, as well as any "special nights" such as New Year's Eve - typically from 10.30 pm to 3.30 am or even later. In the year approximately one thousand five hundred "man hours" have been invested by the brilliant team, making a significant contribution to the safety of 'clubbers' on the street.



*Rich Johnson Chair of
Northampton Street and School
Pastors Management
Committee*



The more visible activity on the streets and around the schools is all backed up by the prayer team, who make a vital contribution behind the scenes. We are very grateful to Sharon Page who leads this.

Northampton School and Street Pastors have a strong presence on social media, and we are very grateful to team member Keith Holland-Delamere for looking after both this area and the website.

During the year team Street Pastors Sarah Williams and Fiona Mann joined the Response Pastors, a group of people managed nationally by the Ascension Trust to respond to major incidents in the UK.

A special mention must be made to Karen Dhlamini, who is the Co-ordinator for both School and Street Pastors in Northampton, who does a fantastic job of “keeping the show on the road”.

Thank you so much for all your encouragement, support and prayers - they are very much appreciated.

Bless you

Richard Johnson

On behalf of the Northampton School and Street Pastors Management Committee



Story of Northampton Street Pastor Sarah Williams...

In 2007 I knew that the amazing ministry of Street Pastors was to be my calling. I was commissioned in 2008 and in October went on the very first Street Pastor duty in Northampton. Since that times I have led many teams as they have worked in the Northampton night time economy and been out with other initiatives. I had the real joy of coordinating the initiative for 2.5years but needed to step down due to work pressures.

It has been fantastic to work alongside many people from so many churches across Northampton, where else would this be possible. What a privilege to be at the baptismal service of one of our contacts and to meet up with our regulars on the streets and be alongside them on their journeys. I have continued to love being out on the streets and to be able to listen to folks to care and to lend a hand where I can. Each and every night that you go out is different and very
The High Sheriff of Northamptonshire award is contribution made and valuable service given to the community, a very humbling experience. At the end of that year I underwent my training as an Ascension Trust Representative and am now able to train Street Pastors, take part in launch and commissioning services and assist in setting up initiatives. With the recent launch of Response Pastors, I have trained and been



Sarah with the High Sheriff of Northamptonshire 2015



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*Sarah receives her Response Pastors
Certificate*

commissioned so I am now able to join teams working at major disasters around the country.

I continue to love being part of this amazing ministry and am excited about where God is taking the ministry of Street Pastors and the part I can play in it.

SOME INTERESTING NORTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS FACTS!

Did you know, that in April 2016 we gave out 28 bottles of water and 31pairs of flip flops were received but by some very grateful barefoot ladies on a Friday or Saturday night!



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Phil

Hi, I'm Phil Snelson and I've been the Free Church Minister at Emmanuel Church at the Weston Favell Shopping Centre for 8 years. I am one of the original team of 6 School Pastors for Northampton and now a member of the School & Street Pastors management team.

When Community Safety Partnership came to us to discuss a pilot scheme with Northampton Academy I was surprised but it took best part of a school year to follow the carefully thought out framework defined by Ascension Trust taking time to prepare and organise, to train, work with Northampton Academy and liaise with Weston Favell Shopping Centre security team. With God's help, just as with Street Pastors, we enjoy very positive relationships with local authorities and organisations in the community with whom we partner in the work. To introduce ourselves and get to know the school community we lead assemblies and met with school staff. Finally, we started patrols in Autumn 2014.

On a day when we're going out on patrol, we meet at Emmanuel to pray together at about 2:30pm and then make our way to the school to be there ready for home time at 3:15pm. We spend a few minutes at the school saying hello to students and staff alike, talking more with anyone who wants to and being a calming influence when some students are really excited to be out of school and ready to "let off some steam". After that we go with the flow where the students are going depending on which seem to need support or calming.



Throughout our patrol School Pastors focus on being there to listen, to care and to help. Occasionally we have come across a young person who is unwell and helped them back to school, or someone who needed a bus fare or who seems vulnerable in some other way. Bus stops are always an area to keep an eye on with whole bus-loads of school children catching and changing buses all at the same time. It's amazing how our arriving at a situation just seems to have a calming effect on the young people. We believe that is God going ahead of us and working through us. We finish each patrol with a debrief and prayer (sometimes at Costa!) writing up a report which is always shared with the school.

It is great to see the ministry of School Pastors gradually growing. Last September we began working with Weston Favell Academy as well and with that we have increased patrols to cover both Thursdays and Fridays after school. We have added a couple of people to the team and two more are being commissioned as School Pastors this year and we still need more both for the existing patrols and because there are other schools in Northampton who need the support of School Pastors.



I really enjoy working as a School Pastor. Please pray for us, for our schools and maybe consider whether you or someone you know might also become a School Pastor.



Carol's School Pastor Journey...

It was my daughter, who is a Street Pastor, who first alerted me to the fact that School Pastors was being launched in Northampton. Instantly I felt that this was something that I really wanted to know more about.

I have always loved children. I am a mum and a grandma and I have worked with children in a church setting since I was in my teens. In my experience and in my ministry in our church, The Salvation Army, I have been only too aware how things like bullying and abuse can affect children. I also have worked with families that have problems and particularly in the



Carol with some students at the school

area of parents splitting up and the whole effect of that on the children concerned. All in all, I felt passionate about taking on the opportunity of becoming a School Pastor and being able to reach out in the love of Jesus to some of these young people in our community.

It has been almost 2 years now since after the training, I first began along with the rest of the newly formed team and it has been a real eye opener. We never ever have two weeks the same! It has been great to see how the students have gradually relaxed with us as they have come to realise that we are their



friends. The fact that we are neither teachers nor police seems to give them the freedom to share things with us. They do seem puzzled however that we are there simply because we care and without being paid for it and especially when we give them a treat at the end of the term!

We have also had opportunity to share what we are all about in assemblies at the beginning of the school year and we have been blessed in the way that we have been received by the staff as well as the children.

It has been a joy to work with such a friendly team and each week we eagerly await the opportunities that God has in store.



SOME INTERESTING NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL PASTORS FACTS!

Did you know that, on the last day of term we give away over 500 lollipops as a treat to well deserving hardworking students!





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Prayer

Prayer is vital to what we do.... In late March this year one of our Prayer Pastors attended the national Ascension Trust Prayer gathering at Birmingham. It was inspirational and we have been working through ideas to enrich the prayer life of the Northampton Street & School Pastors and recruit prayer pastors. Sharon our Prayer Coordinator has been serving above and beyond over the years. We thank our regular Prayer Pastors who pray for the teams or have joined our prayer nights.

***In addition to
praying for us,
please pray for
Angel Street***

Some are called to be a Street Pastor others a School Pastor... ***are you being called to be a Prayer Pastor?***



We'd love to hear from anyone who'd like to join us and pray for our teams on Thursday/Friday afternoons or Friday/Saturday nights

Please email us at

prayer@northampton.streetpastors.org.uk

<http://streetpastors.org/locations/northampton/prayer/>

Join us for prayer nights, last Friday of the month, 10pm to 1am

<http://streetpastors.org/locations/northampton/prayer/prayer-nights/>

We're looking ahead 🧭🧭

We had our first ever Bank Holiday Sunday night patrol at the end of May. We are considering future extra patrol dates, some of which we have covered in previous years: A-Level results night, Bank Holiday Sunday nights, St Crispin's fair, Bonfire night. We are also looking at other opportunities.



Online & Social Media update

A snapshot of our online presence, feedback welcome

<http://streetpastors.org/locations/northampton/>

It's been steady as you go for the last few months

Facebook Challenge

Help us reach 400 Likes on our Street Pastors page & 100 Likes on our School Pastors page by inviting friends



On Twitter we interact with other groups, encouraging & praying.
It was great to see this photo of Sharon at the Big Church Day out in May

Small print...! The following go up & down (Correct as at 29/06/16)

Street Pastors
391 Likes
(361 on 15/03/16)
School Pastors
55 Likes (54 on
15/03/16)



@NorthamptonSP
605 followers
(553 on 15/03/16)
@NNSchoolPastors
180 followers
(166 on 15/03/16) 10

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Northampton Street and School Pastors Commissioning Service

The Commissioning Service for the latest group of trainees to join Northampton Street Pastors

and Northampton School Pastors

Friday 8th July at 7.30 p.m. at St. Giles Church

Please join us in celebration as we welcome new members to our team of Street and School Pastors!



Acknowledgments...

Northampton Street Pastors are able to do the work they do through the support of family, friends and the local church community who not only offer prayer support through the prayer network but regular financial support as well from churches such as; St Giles, Emmanuel, St Marks Kingsthorpe and Forefront Church. Other support in kind includes provision of office space and operations base from New Testament Church of God, Kingdom Life Church and Emmanuel.

We also benefit from various donations and grants from organisations such as the Thomas and Rosemary Greenhalgh Charity and;



We would also like to acknowledge Ascension Trust under which both the Street and School Pastors Initiatives fall as well as other initiatives like Response Pastors, Rail Pastors, Word for Weapons, Urban Youth Missions, Overseas Mission and Prayer Pastors.

