



Another year round ...

It has now been more than eight years Street Pastors have been in operation and over two years since School Pastors started. The response from the public, police and local authorities has been amazing and the initiatives, like similar ones across the country, are received with much favour. The favour includes free pizzas from a certain establishment along the Wellingborough Road!

I have just finished reading the latest book by Roy Godwin from Ffald-y-brenin - "The Way of Blessing". I think that the concepts within the book just about sum up what Street, School and Prayer Pastors seeks to do – i.e. to bring blessing in all we do. Roy mentions Street Pastors as an example of how a community can be blessed practically.

So many stories abound of incidents that have occurred - from rocking with the best of them in the Roadmender, to dealing with four totally intoxicated young adults who were profoundly deaf.

Massive thanks to all who have made these teams so successful during the year and particularly to all the people who pray from so many supporting churches. On behalf of the Management Committee of Northampton Street and School Pastors may I wish you a very blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Bless you



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





Richard Johnson

To the A Team!

The management team would like to thank you all for your dedication, hard work, and commitment over this past year. We are truly grateful and we know that your efforts make such a difference in the town and are a fantastic witness to our community of the love and grace of Jesus.

May you be thoroughly blessed this Christmas season,



With our thanks – The Management Team

A very Merry Christmas to you all from all the Street Pastors Team Leaders. It's been an incredible year of working together as a team. We so appreciate



all the Northampton Street Pastors, and their commitment to being part of a nationwide network. As we come to the end of the year we look forward to 2017 with hope and excitement that it will be another year for us to care, listen and help more

Street Pastor Team Leaders

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people in our town.

Street Pastors Management Team

As many of you will know Adam Eakins is part of Management Team and I asked if he could write an article for our newsletter and he kindly said yes! This is a way of giving you a behind the scenes picture of Northampton Street and School Pastors and the people that make up our team.

I have worked as a Psychiatric Nurse; a School's Youth Worker, Director of a Small Charity and finally settled now as a Baptist Minister where I have been the Lead Pastor for six years now although I have worked at the church since 2001. I love working there where my desire is to see the church fully equipped and engaged in Loving God, Loving People and Loving His World.



I am passionate about contextualising the gospel for all today and seeing the church as a place for everyone to feel welcome. I know that when people encounter Jesus it changes their lives for the better. I want as many people as possible to experience that. I have also worked in partnership in the past with Evangelical Alliance, Scripture Union, Fusion, Spring Harvest, Prison Fellowship, New Wine, Keswick and Urban Expression.

I am married to Karen who works for Churches Child Protection and Advisory Service (CCPAS) which combines two of her strong passion – children and church. We have three children, Joel aged 13 yrs., Lauren aged 11 yrs. and

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Sam aged 6 yrs. They enjoying eating various take aways and watching films together with the BFG being recent favourite for us all.

I recently completed the Milton Keynes Marathon after several years of completing in Triathlons. However, that will probably be his one and only time. I like most sports especially cricket and enjoy music and reading a good novel.

The vision of Broadmead Baptist Church, Northampton, is summed up in our statement - we desire to see the community and church thrive, improving well-being and increase social interaction through all we do

The church site was given to Baptists in Northampton by the developer of this area in the 1920's so that there could be a Christian presence on the then newly built estate in the area between Kettering Road and Eastfield Park. The vision, then, as now, was to reach the local community with the message and love of Christ.

Over many years, the church has continued to seek to be a Christian presence in this community and offer help and support for all those who wish to receive it. The aim being to improve the spiritual and social wellbeing of those living within this community.

Today we are a lively and relaxed church with around 250 attending our Sunday Gatherings with a real mixture of people, which means that we benefit from a wide range of experiences and cultures. As well as gathering together on a Sunday, we have many activities throughout the week which serves the local community with our desire to




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express the love of Jesus to many people, in words and action.



One of the highlights this year – Visit to the Mayor’s Parlour!

In November one of the highlights was being invited for a tour of the Mayor’s Parlour by the Mayor Cllr Christopher Malpas. We were pleased to have been invited and





enjoyed the visit, it was an excellent evening!

New to the team...

After our Commissioning Ceremony in July we have some new members in our team. I recently caught up with two of them and asked for an update and this is what they both had to say:

“As a newbie Street Pastor I have felt very welcomed into the family. Great to get to know other Christians from around the town and find the same amazing team spirit each time I go out. It has felt a real privilege to be out among the many pastors who have been on this road awhile now. I am not particularly a night person these days so yes, it is a challenge to be out all night, but I am humbled each time I go when I see what a difference we can make in people’s lives by helping



Vanessa Smith, Street Pastor



to keep them safe and to try to be Jesus to people in a very simple and nonthreatening way.”

SOME INTERESTING NORTHAMPTON STREET PASTORS FACTS!

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Did you know that Street Pastors are ~~astors~~ c/o Kingdom Life Church, 9
expected to save the NHS 13 million ~~pton~~, NN1 2SN
pounds this over this Christmas period! <https://www.kingdomlifechurch.org.uk/news/northampton/>

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Street-pastors-will-save-NHS-13million-during-festive-period>





An initiative of Ascension Trust



Ronald and Zoe out on Patrol and enjoying free ice-cream gesture of support for the School Pastors.

“It’s been great getting to know and be part of the team. I have had many opportunities and doors open in my life since joining School Pastors. I am now in a new role which allows me to work within the community while building relationships with the youth. Getting to know some of the students and schools in the

area has been awesome! “



SOME INTERESTING NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL PASTORS FACTS!

Did you know that, Northampton Academy serves the needs of 1400 students and Weston Favell Academy 1275 together with their families!



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Online & Social Media update

A snapshot of our online presence...
Our website <http://streetpastors.org/locations/northampton/>

Our thanks to the Mayor & Mayoress of Northampton (& Verity) for our visit in November

More online!



Thank you to all you have interacted with us on social media. Thank you

to those who use our postings on Facebook to guide your prayers for us. On the 25th November, there was a reclaim the night march with a minute's silence for India Chipchase. The prayer team joined in with the minute's silence outside All Saints Church.

The academies the School Pastors serve regularly share our tweets.



Street Pastors
437 Likes (391)

School Pastors
59 Likes (55)



@NorthamptonSP
695 followers (605)

@NNSchoolPastors
239 followers (180)

(Correct as at 10/12/16 in brackets from 29/06/16)

We welcome any feedback or suggestions about online & social media 8
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Northampton Street/School and Prayer Pastors Open Evening.



Are you thinking about joining Street/School or Prayer Pastors
come and find out more please visit our website for more info:
<http://streetpastors.org/locations/northampton/join> or scan QR
Code.

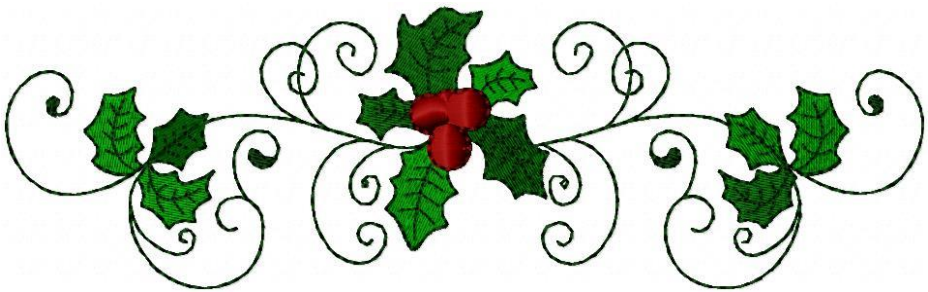


**Thursday 26th of January at 7.30 at Kingdom Life Church, 9
Tower Street.**



Dates for your Diary...

- Friday 23rd of December will be our last patrol before Christmas.
- Saturday 31st of December will be out on patrol for New Year's Eve.
- Thursday the 5th of January first School Pastor Patrol for 2017 at Northampton Academy.
- Friday the 6th of January first School Pastor Patrol for 2017 at Weston Favell Academy.
- Saturday the 7th of January first Street Pastors Patrol for 2017.
- 27th of January end of month Street Pastors Friday Patrol.
- Thursday 26th of January 2017, Street/ School and Prayer Pastor Open Evening.
- Thursday 23rd of March, Street and School Pastors AGM.
- Saturday 25th of March Street and School Pastors Roles and Responsibility Training Day.





***Merry Christmas from Northampton Street and School
Pastors.***



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

Isaiah 9 6-7

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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.

