



Northampton Street and School Pastors Newsletter.



Northampton Street and School Pastors Commissioning Service 2017 with Deputy Mayor Cllr Ansell and Deputy Mayoress and Bejoy Pal National Schools and College Pastors Coordinator



Our New Volunteers with Deputy Mayor Cllr Ansell and Deputy Mayoress and Bejoy Pal National School and College Pastors Coordinator

As we look back at the last few months so much has happened in our Northampton Street and School Pastor Family. The Commission Service in July was well attended and supported by family and friends of our new volunteers as well as other members of the team who came along to support and take part in the recommissioning. It remains one of my favorite events in the Street and School Pastor Calendar. I always find myself looking back to the time I was commissioned and the excitement and joy I felt at becoming part of such an incredible ministry. There was so much to be thankful for

during the event. One phrase comes to mind that I believe best describes the theme of the evening, 'team work makes the dream work!'.

As with last year we had the pleasure of the company of the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress. Bejoy Pal the National School and College Pastors Coordinator also joined us for the event who after an epic three-hour drive from London due to traffic got there in plenty of time. He came with best wishes from Ascension Trust and gave a big welcome to the team hug to all our new volunteers on behalf of Eustace Constance. Our new volunteers; Street Pastor, John. School Pastors; Audrey, Ann, Tony, Phil and Dee (Dee was not able to attend but was acknowledged).



I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the team. When I came on board as the School Pastor coordinator I knew straight away that I wanted to train as a Street Pastor as well. I have been so blessed to experience both. Being able to care listen and help as a Street Pastor and a School Pastor I felt I received so much more than I gave. I felt a great sense of community, made new friends and my understanding of what it means to be part of our town took on a whole new meaning for me. One of the best take away moments will be a request for prayer by a familiar face on my last patrol and being able to take the time to kneel and pray with her. I felt that it was such a privilege to be able to do that. So, thank you, Karen



This new season with much excitement and anticipation we welcome our new Street Pastors Coordinator, School Pastors Coordinator and our Administrator who have all been kind enough to write a short intro;



Thank you to Karen who has served the team so faithfully as Street Pastors Coordinator. I have been a Street Pastor since March 2010. I thank God that I can't do the Coordinator role in my own strength. I am really looking forward to working with the whole team to pray, listen and step into the plans that God has for us as part of His vision for the wider Church in Northampton. It is an exciting and challenging time for our team and town. The next two years will see the new University campus fully open and these changes have/will change the nature of Northampton's night time economy. Get your thinking caps on next October 2018 is our 10th anniversary and will be a time to give thanks and look forward. God bless,

Keith Holland-Delamere

I'm Tracey White and, with my husband Neil and our 3 children, I worship at The Salvation Army. I'm responsible for the Children's ministry there, which I absolutely love. I've been involved in this ministry since I was a teenager and now I have 2 teenagers of my own, I'm having to face up to the fact that I really should be grown up. That doesn't mean that having fun and enjoying learning about God are less important, though!

Neil is a Street Pastor and I always loved that way of being God's hands and feet in such a practical way, but it really wasn't my scene. When I heard about School Pastors, however, I thought 'that's me!' It's been great to see how the confidence students and staff have in us has increased over the last few years and I believe God has more work for us to do in this area. I look forward to being part of His plans for the children in our town and can't wait to see what He will do next.



Tracey with Ronald at the Safety Campaign Event in the Grosvenor Centre

Teresa Brown studied music at Huddersfield and Newcastle Polytechnics and Goldsmiths College, London. After many years of teaching young people to play the violin, and often playing folk music and jazz as well as the classical repertoire, Teresa formed a group called Seeds of Unity, bringing together musicians from Catholic, Anglican and Baptist churches. She also spent some time with a Catholic community for evangelism, leading music for parish missions around the country. In 2000 Teresa prayed for a way out of teaching, and went for three months to work as a volunteer in the old city of Jerusalem. This experience in Israel, at the start of the *intifada*, inspired her to write some highly original violin music, and to record a CD called *In Search of Peace*, for people to reflect, pray and meditate on the need for peace in our time.



Teresa has worked in the past as an administrator for Churches Together in Northamptonshire and Peterborough, and she organised an impressive group of regional church leaders to visibly renew their commitment to work together at Pentecost in 2010, in Abington Park, Northampton, with Graham Kendrick and his band at the bandstand. As a freelance Christian musician, she has played at and organised many events, and in 2012 Teresa took over as the coordinator of Prayer & Praise for Northampton, increasing the number of different venues, and bringing together a wider variety of churches. In 2015, Teresa also recruited a choir of 50 singers from 23 different churches to sing the Hallelujah Chorus at Northampton Cathedral, where she regularly conducts the choir on Sunday. Teresa has always been a keen supporter of Street Pastors, and looks forward to serving them as administrator this year.

New School Pastors Logo.

We have a new School Pastors logo, what do you think!

Old



New



Dates for you Diary

September

Friday 1ST Of September – New Street Pastors Coordinator, School Pastors Coordinator, Administrator start.

Wednesday 6th of September – Street Pastors Team Leaders Meeting.

Thursday 7th of September – Back to school for School Pastors at Northampton Academy.

Friday 8th of September – Back to school for School Pastors at Weston Favell Academy.

Monday 11th of September – Management Committee Meeting.

Thursday 28th of September – Team Vision Day at Kingdom Life Church at 7.30pm.

Friday 29th of September – Prayer Night at New Testament Church of God from 10pm (All welcome)