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Prayer Pastor Role with Southampton Street Pastors

Dear potential volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Southampton Street Pastors as a Prayer Pastor. We are really pleased to hear you might be considering being a Prayer Pastor with us, and we are here to answer any questions you might have. Please do contact us if you would like to have a conversation about applying.

From City to Suburbs

Southampton Street Pastors care for, listen to and help all kinds of people. Prayer Pastors are an integral part of the team, and the patrol will not deploy without a Prayer Pastor. We look for those who can commit to 1 shift per month. Our work is divided into three main groups of patrol:

- **Night-time Patrols** | City Centre | Fridays and Saturdays | 9:45pm-4:00am, with a break around 12:30am.
- **Evening Community Patrols**
 - Portswood | Saturdays | 5:45pm-10:00pm.
 - Thornhill | Thursdays (two patrols per month) | 3:00pm-5:00pm or 6:00pm-8:30pm.
- **Afternoon Patrols**
 - City Centre | Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays | 12:30pm-3:00pm
During this patrol type we encounter many street attached people. Prayer Pastors offer a date(s) they are available, and are booked about 3 weeks in advance.
 - Bassett and Upper Shirley | Wednesdays (Term time only) | 2:30pm-4:00pm
Taking place around two schools, mostly engaging with pupils as they leave school. The patrol goes around the suburbs and local parks.

Street Pastors are supported by one or two Prayer Pastors, who pray for the team specifically while they are on duty. Our 150 Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors are from 48+ different churches in Southampton. During night-time patrols, Prayer Pastors would generally come to the base, but Prayer Pastors can decide to pray from home if they prefer. For the other types of patrols, Prayer Pastors tend to pray from home. A Prayer Pastor will support and hold up one Street Pastor team in prayer. The Prayer Pastor will receive regular phone calls from the patrol, so they can type or note the details and then know how to pray.

We first began operating night-time patrols in the city centre in April 2009. Since then, it has become evident that we are needed during a range of other times and places. In February 2012, we recruited Street Pastors to support two secondary schools. In August 2012, at the request of the city council, we piloted Community Patrols in the early evenings which have since continued in Portswood.

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We also have requests from schools, the police and local communities to provide more Street Pastor patrols. We particularly enjoy patrolling for events like Halloween, New Years Eve, certain football matches and a few other times throughout the year.

We stand on the threshold of many opportunities to serve our city in these various contexts, and need to continue growing over the next few years. It all depends on people from the churches stepping forward to join in.

Is it for you?

Please have a good look at the enclosed job description, which gives more detail about what a Prayer Pastor has to do, and the sort of person we are looking for.

Recruitment process:

1. Arrange an observation of a Prayer Pastor with the office by emailing office@southamptonstreetpastors.org or calling 02380 333387 / 07718 311528
2. Discuss your desire to be a Prayer Pastor with someone in leadership at your church. Ask them if they will be your referee.
3. Fill in the application form or talk to us on the phone, and we will fill in the details we need (You don't have to have done an observation before applying).
4. Once we receive your application by email or by post, we will take up your reference.
5. We will invite you for a short interview as soon as we can. It's very informal, more like a chat to get to know you.
6. We will liaise with you to help you decide where you would like to be placed – Night-time, Evening Community, or Afternoon Patrols. We can discuss with you about your availability including when, where and how often you would like to pray.
7. You can get started as a Prayer Pastor with just an hour or so of in-house familiarisation training. At some point we would like you to attend two of our training sessions during your first year. These will be held on 3rd and 4th October 2025.
8. We generally do a DBS check for all volunteers, although it is not mandatory for Prayer Pastors.
9. If you have opted for a Night-time or Evening Community Patrol, we will allocate you to a particular team as Prayer Pastor. You let us know when you can start.
10. Once a year we have a 'Commissioning Service'. This is a time of celebration and dedication, including a special prayer for all new volunteers that have joined in the last year.
11. We occasionally have team meetings and quarterly there are prayer meetings which you will be invited to, but you are certainly not obliged to come. There will also be opportunities to attend conferences and regional events from time to time, if you wish.

If there is anything else you need to know, please feel free to call us or send us an email. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you!

God bless,



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