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Totnes Street Pastors Autumn Newsletter 2019

*We celebrated our 10th Anniversary on
19th October. Many thanks to everyone who joined us!*



Anthony Cosgrave, Sally Scott and Liz Waterson were commissioned as Totnes Street Pastors by Duncan Withall, Ascension Trust Rep. Liz gave a PowerPoint review of the last 10 years and of our current work within the Caring Town initiative. Many thanks go to Anthony (piano), Phil (guitar) and Myrna (harp) who played so beautifully for us. The service ended with an Ecumenical blessing from Ade from TUFC, Julian from the Totnes Team Ministry C of E, Verity from the Methodist church and Fr Louis from the RC church. It was wonderful to meet Fr Louis and Verity for the first time as they have just moved to Totnes and we feel very pleased that our celebration was one of the first ecumenical events that they attended. We had wonderful art work from Jane Gabbatiss and the celebration cake was made by Liz Allott. Each of the churches made cakes for us and Sally and Ann in the kitchen said that the prosecco for the after service cakes and fizz went remarkably quickly. Duncan took some of our celebration cake back to Bideford where he is the coordinator to fortify them for their shift that evening!



Totnes Street Pastors is licensed to Ascension Trust the governing body of the Street Pastor Scheme. We have Public Indemnity Insurance through AT and are licensed to wear the uniform and train according to their guidelines. Since we started 10 years ago, the scheme has widened to cover School Pastors, Rail Pastors and Response Pastors. The scheme is also now international and the Rev'd Les Isaac works with the Home Office and Mayor of London and is particularly involved in the issue of knife and gang crime. All this has meant that we need to pay a much higher licence fee to help keep these initiatives going. We are just a small initiative and wondered how we would manage, when a magnificent gift came for the now closed Christians Together in Totnes. The Devon Police and Crime Commissioner released £10,000 for SP initiatives in Devon so each of the 17 schemes is receiving £500 and the Elizabethan Society has given us a generous donation from this year's fund raising. Our 4 main churches have agreed to support us with an annual gift as well.

Thank you all so very much!