



TUNBRIDGE WELLS STREET PASTORS

AUGUST 2016 - QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Do you feel called to join our fantastic team of Street Pastors or Prayer Pastors?

We would love to hear from you!

We need more Prayer Pastors and Street Pastors – especially for Saturday nights! If you are interested and would like to know more, please email/write to the address below.

We thank God for the opportunity to go out on the streets and make a difference to people's lives.

We give thanks that the street pastors and prayer pastors come from different churches and are working together in wonderful harmony.

Let Jesus' light shine in all the dark places and let vulnerable people feel His love through our help and support.

We are out on the following dates, come and say hello!

Saturday Sept 3rd

Thurs Sept 8th

Friday Sept 16th

Thursday Sept 22nd, Sat Sept 24th

Friday Sept 30th, Saturday Oct 1st

Friday Oct 7th

Thursday Oct 13th

Friday Oct 21st

Thursday Oct 27th Sat Oct 29th



I went to the Management and Coordinators Conference in Cardiff in July. We heard from Rev Les Isaac, OBE – who said it was important to go back to the beginning and re-visit our vision: to get the church out onto the streets by caring, listening and helping. We also need to get the church working together, it is ideal to have a minimum of 4 different churches (we have 27!) so we can learn from different perspectives and ways of thinking. The Urban Trinity is also part of the original vision – The Church, The Government and The Police.

We are not to become a church or denomination; we are part of the church of Jesus. We are also not to become a big regional organisation; we all need to work locally. Street Pastors should be owned and covered by the local churches; we need to get the local congregations to pray, as the church is our family. Prayer Pastors are integral to the ministry and prayers are what connects us to the Father.

We also heard from Chief Superintendent Josh Jones, who is a member of the Christian Police Association – he stressed the importance of working alongside your local police force and establishing good relations. Rita King (Local partnerships Director from the [Portman Group](#)) gave a talk on Local Alcohol Partnerships. They are a responsibility body for drinks producers in the UK and therefore promote responsible drinking. They lead on best practice in alcohol social responsibility through the actions of their member companies. They regulate the promotion and packaging of alcoholic drinks sold or marketed in the UK through their Codes of Practice. They also challenge and encourage the industry to market its products responsibly.

We also learned about other initiatives which are run by the Ascension Trust: the pilot for **Rail Pastors** started in Barnet and research shows that a timely intervention by showing compassion and empathy to people can have long term impact on preventing suicide. In Barnet's first year they did 29 patrols, prevented 3 suicides, 75% increase in interventions, 27% reduction in crime and this has resulted in increased confidence in staff and the public. They also now operate in Reading, Barking and Romford. They want to grow this ministry to include Scotland and all the major cities.

Response Pastors can be referred to as part of the 'Crisis Trinity' – Emergency Services, Response Pastors and LA Resilience Forums and Faith Sector Groups. Response Pastors would be deployed in the event of a significant community crisis, or disaster, major incident or significant event. RP's were deployed to the Shoreham Air Disaster in August 2015 and to Birstall and Westminster in regards the killing of Jo Cox in June this year. **Vicky Daniell – Coordinator**

Q2 stats 2016

During Q2, we were out for a total of 450 Street Pastor volunteer hours and had conversations with

215 females



293 males

We gave out



52 pairs of flip flops



66 bottles of water



931 lollipops



15 foil blankets

We disposed of

294 glasses and bottles



140 cans



67 lots of broken glass



#Caring-listening-helping

Please pray for a young man called W who studies in Boston USA, his parents live locally. He is not a Christian but is looking for a deeper purpose in life.

Please also pray for R, who is sleeping on the streets, he wears a cross and is thinking he needs to go to church and find out about Christianity. Please pray that he is shown the way.

Please also pray for G, a philosophy student who wants to know more about God. He is planning to go to church and is hoping to hear from God when he is there.

Please pray for our street pastors that they will have wisdom and the confidence to deal with whatever situations they face when they are out.



Update from our AGM...

We have a new trustee – Simon Curtis, ex SP Team leader and member of St John's church. Sadly we said goodbye to trustees Polly Joyce and Brian Senior.

We are managing our finances well with our income of £13,000 covering our expenses of £13,000! Thanks to the council, police, churches and individuals who support us faithfully.

We had some questions from SP/PP who were at the meeting and Vicky is following up on some ideas: day pastors; providing soup/rolls to homeless in the winters. More info to follow...

If you want a copy of the reports presented please ask Vicky.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –

1st Oct: Street Pastor Brunch/Knowing Your Community Training at Church of Christ, Tunbridge Wells

1st Oct: Refresher Training at East Grinstead

15th Oct: Drug & Alcohol Awareness Training at Maidstone

5th Nov: Team Leader Training at East Grinstead

For more information please contact Vicky Daniell

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