



## **CARLISLE STREET PASTORS**

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Newsletter

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“I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you Trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit” Romans 15 v.13

### **National Year of Prayer**

2012 has been designated to be a National Year of Prayer; praying for our communities, the church, the police, the government and praying for all our Street Pastors, School Pastors, College Pastors, Prayer Pastors and Word 4 Weapons.

The Rev. Les Isaacs (CEO Ascension Trust) would like to encourage you all to be involved in some way to ensure that we are praying for the peace of our nation and particularly for hope in our young people. This can be by either committing to a week or day of prayer as a SP group or a local church and/or by praying the Lord's Prayer everyday at 12 noon throughout the National Year of Prayer.

Another way of praying is by starting “Adopt a Street’ in Carlisle either where we live or near where we work – somewhere we have a concern for. Every day, we can pray blessings for everyone and everything on that street: schools, businesses, churches etc. This has been done in other cities and the Lord has answered their prayers. In Southend crime figures have fallen and reports of antisocial behaviour have reduced by 40%. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved with the National Year of Prayer in Carlisle could you please contact me.

If you would like more information on what is happening nationally then you could visit the Street Pastor website [www.streetpastors.co.uk](http://www.streetpastors.co.uk) ‘prayer and support’ where you will find a link to the Year of Prayer and be able to access resources for prayer or you can contact the National Prayer Co-ordinator, Wendy Thomas - her e-mail address is [prayer2@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:prayer2@streetpastors.org.uk)

One of the directors of the Ascension Trust, Revd. Susan Stevenson has written a prayer for this special year to be used for all those praying for Street Pastors either as individuals, in prayer groups or within church communities:

## **Street Pastors' Prayer, January 2012.**

### **Living God**

We praise you for the vision that gave birth to Street Pastors  
and for every life that has been touched through  
this movement of your Spirit.

We thank you for every Street Pastor and we pray for them as they share Your  
love with others:

Your protection and encouragement  
Your wisdom and courage  
and an ever deeper faith in and love for You.

We pray for those they meet week by week  
in the pubs and clubs  
in the late night cafes, garage kiosks and barbers  
on the streets and at the bus stops.

May those who are lonely be warmed by Your presence; those who are  
bruised and hurting find healing in Your love; those ashamed and without hope be set  
free by Your forgiveness and grace.

**Lord Jesus Christ** You came to seek and to save the lost. You walk the streets night  
after night searching for those lost to your love. Thank you for the privilege of being  
your hands and feet, your eyes and your heart where we are.

Give us eyes that see as you see  
hearts that love as you love  
and words that you can use to bring life and peace.

And in it all, Lord God, give us thankfulness, generosity and joy in serving you  
whom to serve is perfect freedom  
and whom to know is Life eternal.

**Triune God of Grace**, to You be honour, praise and glory, from everlasting to  
everlasting, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **AMEN!**

### **Local Street Pastor Update**

We thank the Lord for 4 new recruits to Street Pastors - they are currently undergoing  
training and will soon be able to join our Saturday night patrols.

The Christmas period was relatively quiet on the streets but David Howe has  
described a typical incident they encountered below:

New Year's Eve 2011, Warwick Road, well after midnight.

The CCTV radio monitor had asked us to go to The Andalucian taxi rank.

On arrival the doorman showed us a young couple – of whom the male was incapable  
of standing up and had been sick. They wanted to get a taxi home but drivers will not  
take those who are incapable or who may vomit in the cab.

Between us we lifted the man across the road to sit in a shop doorway, as it was now  
raining. We propped him up and covered him as best we could with a space blanket  
and gave him a bottle of water. One of the party got a cardboard pizza box from the  
take-away next door and the lady sat on this – it gave good insulation. The couple  
tried to phone home and to various friends but got no replies – probably most contacts  
were enjoying their own New Year celebrations. As the couple were safe and secure  
we left, promising to come back in a while.

This we did an hour later and found the couple at the head of the taxi queue. The next cab came along and they got into it – the man managing on his own as he had sobered up a little. He even shook the hand of the doorman.

As we left, the doorman asked if we had something to clean his hand as the man's hand had vomit on it. We provided a wet-wipe!!

While we were waiting by the queue with the couple it was interesting to chat to and to hear comments from the public about what we were doing. All were very appreciative.

Leaflets giving information about Carlisle Street Pastors (free of charge) are now available from Steve Molloy at [stevemolloy@btopenworld.com](mailto:stevemolloy@btopenworld.com)

We would ask that you share these within your church communities and groups

### **Street Pastor / Prayer Pastor Profiles**

A further four profiles:

Darren Kierman – Senior Street Pastor. Darren is a member of Methodists@ Tithe Barn. He is an IT Manager for Carlisle Glass and also a web designer/developer (Kierweb). Darren's hobbies include computers, music and enjoying life – he is also a Radio DJ for Radio Echo (Hospital radio)

Rosemary Dinsdale – Street Pastor. Rosemary is also a member of Methodists @ Tithebarn and is involved in the joint children's work with St Cuthbert's church. She is married with three grown up children. When her husband took early retirement they bought a camper van and are now enjoying exploring this country and beyond. She worked for several years with people with learning difficulty and more recently as a nursery assistant. Rosemary enjoys gardening, baking and reading and keeps fit by walking and doing aquarobics!

She is glad to be part of Street Pastors because as well as sharing God's love with people in Botchergate she gets to work with some lovely people from the various churches.

Peter Jackson -was commissioned as a Street Pastor on 11 June 2011.

He is a member of St Andrews Church of Scotland in Annan and is on the church Fabric Committee which is responsible for the upkeep of the church and manse buildings.

Peter's interests include gardening, walking, his three daughters and his grandchildren.

Jane Ross – Prayer Pastor. Jane attends St James church in Denton Holme. She is retired but used to work for Age UK and she continues to volunteer on various projects. Jane enjoys walking, reading and craft activities. Kathy and David Howe gave a talk about the Street Pastors at the Women's Fellowship at the church and Jane was very interested in the practical application of Christian love and wanted to help by praying for those concerned.

### **Fund raising**

Please remember that Gift Aid envelopes are available for anyone wishing to donate to Street Pastors.

These are available from Steve Molloy at [stevemolloy@btopenworld.com](mailto:stevemolloy@btopenworld.com)

### Minister cover

There is a rota of church leaders who are available should anyone want prayers or want to talk about Christianity in more detail following conversations they may have had with the Street Pastors. Michael Manley is the minister available for February, and David Pitkeathly for March 2012.

### Street Pastor Rota

Please pray for our Street Pastors when they are on duty. (The 'S' denotes Senior Street Pastor on the grid.)

	Feb 4th	Feb 11th	Feb 18th	Feb 25th	March 3rd	March 10th	March 17th	March 24th	March 31st
Fiona Wilkinson			x						x
Rosemary Dinsdale				x				x	
Claire Driffield			x						x
David Hasson		x				x			
Judy Holton	x			x					
David Howe	xS			xS					
Kathy Howe					xS			x	
Darren Kierman		xS				xS			
Susan Mackenzie			xS				xS		
Linda Molloy					x		x		
Jimmy Potts	x						x		
Claire Prince							x		
Stuart Wilkinson			x						xS
Colin Mattinson					x				
Ian Robertson				x				xS	
Elisabeth Watchman		x				x			
Joan Hotton					x				x
Tori Wylie	x							x	
Peter Jackson		x				x			

There continues to be lots of requests to speak to churches and groups and we have recently been asked to speak to students at the Richard Rose Academy and Newman Schools.

Please get in touch with us if:

- You'd like someone from Street Pastors to speak to your Church or group
- You would like to hold a fund-raising event and /or support us financially

We still need more recruits for Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors so if you would like to become involved then please contact Kathy Howe on 01228 511819 or e-mail on [carlisle@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:carlisle@streetpastors.org.uk). You are also very welcome to be part of a patrol as an observer for just the first hour or a whole shift if you would like to find out more about what it involves – please also contact Kathy Howe.

## Prayer points

Could I please ask that you pray for the following these next 2 months either in your church communities, local prayer groups or in your personal prayers:

- Pray for the National Year of Prayer – for the peace of the nation and for hope for all of our young people
- Pray for our local communities in Carlisle and that God will inspire and guide us in our involvement with the Year of Prayer here in Carlisle
- Pray for the new Street Pastors as they undergo their training and ask that God will support and guide them in their new roles
- Pray that everyone on the streets will see God's love through the work of the Street Pastors and this will set a seed in their hearts to find out more about our Lord Jesus.
- Pray for the continuing wisdom, strength and grace of all of our Street Pastors as they continue God's work out on the streets each week in Carlisle
- Pray that Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors will feel able to go to the base on a Saturday evening to support and pray with and for the Street Pastors on duty that night (even if only for the first half hour)

Street Pastor website: [www.streetpastors.co.uk](http://www.streetpastors.co.uk)

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