



## **CARLISLE STREET PASTORS**

*- caring, listening, helping .....*

Newsletter

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Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life" John 8 v12

### **AGM**

The AGM for Street Pastors took place on Wed 16<sup>th</sup> November and was well attended. Street Pastors was originally initiated from Churches Together but it was agreed at the AGM that Street Pastors was now in a position to develop their own constitution and this would be completed over the next few months. Major Katerina Lennox stood down from her role as chairperson of the management committee and Rev. David Hasson was nominated and agreed to be the new chairperson for the next year. We thank Major Katerina Lennox for all the excellent work she has done over the past 18 months. She will continue to be a member of the management committee, and we look forward to continuing to work with her. We welcome Rev David Hasson in his new role as chairperson – he is well known to us, as he has been a Street Pastor and a member of the management committee from its inception.

### **Street Pastor Update**

Kathy Howe, Street Pastor Co-ordinator gave a brief update at the AGM, which included:

'We now have 20 active Street Pastors, with 2 more undergoing training – these are Gillian Nixon and Bill Vander Byl, and one whose application is in progress. They range in age from 19 to 78 representing a range of churches – Anglican, Methodist, Salvation Army, Elim, CCF, King's Church, Church in the Barn (Penrith) and most recently the RC church - we praise the Lord for these willing volunteers.

Teams, usually of 4 but occasionally 3, have gone out every Saturday but one since we launched, between 10pm and 3am, or as long as is needed beyond that time. We are learning all the time and growing into our roles as we encounter new situations in a very dynamic environment. Public reaction is changing from curiosity to familiarity, and increasingly we are receiving expressions of gratitude for what we do – getting people to taxis, administering simple first aid, dealing with people who are sick or too drunk to move and ensuring their safety, but mostly just talking to people.

Many realise that we are Christians and this will often give rise to the inevitable questions – we pray that these people will remember what they have heard, and indeed that everyone will see God's love as we talk to them and minister to their needs.

Talks have been given to a number of organisations, including branches of the Mothers' Union, local Deaneries, Ladies guilds, Rotary Clubs and the Lawyers' Christian Association – we thank God for those willing to give their time in this way to support Street Pastors.

### **Prayer Pastor Update**

There are now 23 Prayer Pastors and we welcome Ginny Campbell, Jane Ross, Pauline Hope and Sheila Campbell – praise the Lord! Some of the Prayer Pastors have been able to go to the Street Pastor base at the United Reformed Church on Warwick Road on a Saturday evening to pray for and with the Street Pastors and have been out with them but it would be good if this could develop further. In some areas of the country Prayer Pastors are able to pray into real live situations as they are happening to support the Street Pastors. We therefore pray for further development of this work.

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

It was suggested at the AGM to include brief profiles of those involved in Street Pastors over the next few newsletters so here are the first four:

Kathy Howe - Carlisle Street Pastor Co-ordinator. Kathy works as a Flying Instructor at Border Air Training at Carlisle Airport. Her interests include running, flying, travel, cooking, and classical music. Kathy enjoys meeting people on the streets and hopefully showing them God's love.

David Howe – Street Pastor. David is a Mountain Leader/Tourist Guide and a teacher of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). His interests are walking and running, general countryside appreciation, music, travel (especially foreign), railways and real ale. He is quite involved with his church - St Michael's, Stanwix. David says “SP was on my heart for a while after seeing it on Look North. When I found that it was to be in Carlisle too I joined up as I feel that God wants me to pursue this ministry. I enjoy helping people and saying "Hi" to the former students I see on the street.”

Elisabeth Watchman – our oldest Street Pastor! Elisabeth was a District Nurse and worked in a rough area of London for 10 years. She enjoyed being among all sorts of people and being able to help with problems. Elisabeth has now lived in Carlisle for 3 years, having previously lived in Appleby for 6 years. She has 2 dogs that keep her busy, walking them in the woods. She goes to St Marks Church. Elisabeth says she decided to join the Street Pastors because she enjoys being among the community and helping out. She says she is a good listener but not a great talker!

Sue Turner – Prayer Pastor Co-ordinator. Sue is a physiotherapist – recently retired. She is a member of the Church of Scotland in Carlisle. Her hobbies include cycling, cooking, salsa dancing, gardening, and travel. Sue says “ I think that Street Pastors is a really exciting initiative - showing God's love in action. Being a Street Pastor is not for me at the present time but I'm really pleased to be involved as Prayer Pastor Co-ordinator and by producing the newsletter.

### **Fund raising**

Gift Aid envelopes are now 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. Janet Preston is the minister available for December, and David Hasson for January 2012.

### Olympic Torch 2012

The Olympic torch is coming to Carlisle on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012 and there is a request for Street Pastors to be on duty during the event. Could all those willing to be involved please contact Kathy Howe.

### Street Pastor Rota

Please pray for our Street Pastors when they are on duty

	Dec 3rd	Dec 10th	Dec 17th	Dec 31st	Jan 7th	Jan 14th	Jan 21st	Jan 28th
Fiona Wilkinson						X		
Rosemary Dinsdale	X						X	
Claire Driffield			X					X
David Hasson							X	X
Judy Holton			X		X			
David Howe				X			X	
Kathy Howe		X		X				
Darren Kierman	X			X				X
Linda Molloy		X			X			
Jimmy Potts	X				X			
Stuart Wilkinson			X			X		
Colin Mattinson		X						X
Ian Robertson				X			X	
Elisabeth Watchman		X				X		
Joan Hotton								
Tori Wylie	X				X			
Peter Jackson			X			X		

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 God's guidance and wisdom as the Street Pastor management committee begin to develop the constitution and for our new chairperson Rev David Hasson as he begins his year in this role.
- Pray for our new Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors that God will support and guide them in their new roles
- Pray that people on the streets that have questioned the Street Pastors re their faith will remember what the Street Pastors have said and that this may set a seed in their hearts to find out more about Jesus.
- Pray that everyone on the streets will see God's love through the work of the Street Pastors
- 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 in 2012 more Prayer Pastors will feel able to go to the base on a Saturday evening to pray with and for the Street Pastors.
- Pray for more Street Pastors to be involved in presenting talks about the work of the Street Pastors to interested groups

Please get in touch with us if:

- You'd like someone from Street Pastors to speak to your Church or group
- You are interested in being a Street Pastor
- You would like to support us in prayer either as a Prayer Pastor or in your church communities or local prayer groups
- You would like to hold a fund-raising event and /or support us financially

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