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NEWS

Ascension Trust is currently reaching over forty new areas through the process of launching Street Pastors. These areas will be at different stages on their way towards operating a team.

Areas that have been commissioned this year:
Abertillery, Ashby de la Zouch, Blaby, Blackburn with Darwen, Boston, Dartford, Eastbourne, Gloucester, Grantham, Hastings, Hounslow, Merthyr Tydfil, Newcastle, Sedgemoor, Sheffield, Tiverton, Truro, Tunbridge Wells, Manly (Australia).

Most recently: Redbridge, Bude, Newquay, Ebbw Vale, Oxford, Brighton, Sunderland.



AUTUMN 2010

Welcome to the first issue of the Dartford Street Pastors information update. We want to keep you informed of our progress and of the developments in the Street Pastors initiative nationally.

We'd like to say thank you for your prayers, your people, and your support. We thank God for the churches in Dartford.

DARTFORD UPDATE

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FOCUS ON PRAYER

19 Prayer Pastors in 5 teams

Whenever the Street Pastors are on duty, so are the PRAYER PASTORS.

Friday night begins at 9.45 pm at Gateway Vineyard, when the Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors pray together. At 10.15pm the Street Pastors leave and the Prayer Pastors continue to pray.

Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors keep in regular contact with each other, sharing prayer needs and words from God.

Prayer pastors pray that the Street Pastors are led to the places God wants them to go; that they meet the people God wants them to meet; for sensitivity and wisdom as they encounter people and situations; for the safety of the 'clubbers', Police, Night Club Staff, Street Pastors etc. They pray for the needs of individuals 'texted' or 'called in' by Street Pastors.

At 12.30a.m. Street Pastors return to base for a tea break and to feed back to the Prayer Pastors, who continue to pray when the Street Pastors go out again until the majority of people are on their way home (approx 3am). The night for the Prayer Pastors comes to a close after a short debrief and prayers for the team.

NEWS FROM THE STREETS

21 Street Pastors in 5 teams

Dartford Street Pastors have now been out and about on Friday nights for 4 months, while, back at base Prayer Pastors have prayed continuously.

So far our experiences have been:-
praying for situations where there has been tension on the streets; praying for the sick and distressed; praying for personal situations/needs; assisting at the scene of a road traffic accident; attending to wounded brawlers; accompanying people to the 'Grab-a-cab'; helping the very drunk; providing anti-spiking bottle stoppers; giving out pairs of flip flops to those whose feet are sore.

There have been lots of meaningful conversations- often about Christianity.

Clubbers, door staff, takeaway owners and the Police go out of their way to tell Street Pastors that they appreciate them.

It is amazing how a smile and a friendly greeting (& a lollipop) can change an atmosphere.

If you see Street Pastors while you are out and about on a Friday night, you know our town is being prayed for by Prayer Pastors.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank those who regularly pray for our town (prayer partners).

Prayer points for Dartford Street Pastors can be found on the 'May Dartford Prosper' prayer bulletin, faithfully produced by Liz Pooley.

Please continue to pray for:

- Your neighbourhood
- Schools
- Children and young people
- Dartford Town (may it prosper)
- The Council
- Police and Emergency Services
- Church leaders

We are hoping to have some figures from the council's community safety unit that show how our presence affects the town on a Friday night.
