

# Lincoln Street Pastors



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## Welcome from Lincoln!

Welcome to this, the fourth newsletter from the Lincoln Street Pastors!

As we approach the 4th anniversary of the Lincoln Street Pastors we have seen that we must continue to ensure that we have that opportunity to show the love of Jesus on the streets of Lincoln. Joy Liddle, our Co ordinator, has gained accreditation as an Ascension Trust Representative and Trainer enabling her to help set up Street Pastor initiatives throughout the country as well as delivering the formal Roles & Responsibilities training for other Street Pastor initiatives across the region. The concept of regional support is important to us therefore, on 24 September we will hold a Regional Celebration with Rev Les Isaac as the main speaker so please come! (see below). We have released our latest video detailing what goes on as a Street Pastor in Lincoln but with valuable comments from the MP for Lincoln, Karl M<sup>C</sup>Cartney, the CEO for the Lincoln Business Improvement Group (BIG), Matt Corrigan, and Lincoln's Police Inspector, Mark Garthwaite. We had a stall at Grapevine 2011 enabling us to share our work with other Street Pastors from across the country and also allow others to see a way of being 'Christ on the streets'. This has been a key outcome from the riots seen across England in August. Rev Isaac is calling on the church to pray strategically during these difficult times. He said "We are asking the Church to pray: for the Police to maintain law and order, for parents to take greater responsibility over their children, for the young people out late at night not to be drawn into further lawless behaviour, for young people within the Church to join together in praying for their generation, for young people of other faiths and no faith, who are law abiding and for God to help us all to be a part of the solution."

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## **24 September REGIONAL STREET PASTOR CELEBRATION**

St George's Church, Swallowbeck, Lincoln  
2pm-5pm details available here  
<http://t.co/bNc70ll>



Why not join the latest move towards using social networking by following us on Twitter at @LnStreetPastors or on our special Facebook page 'Lincoln Street Pastors'?

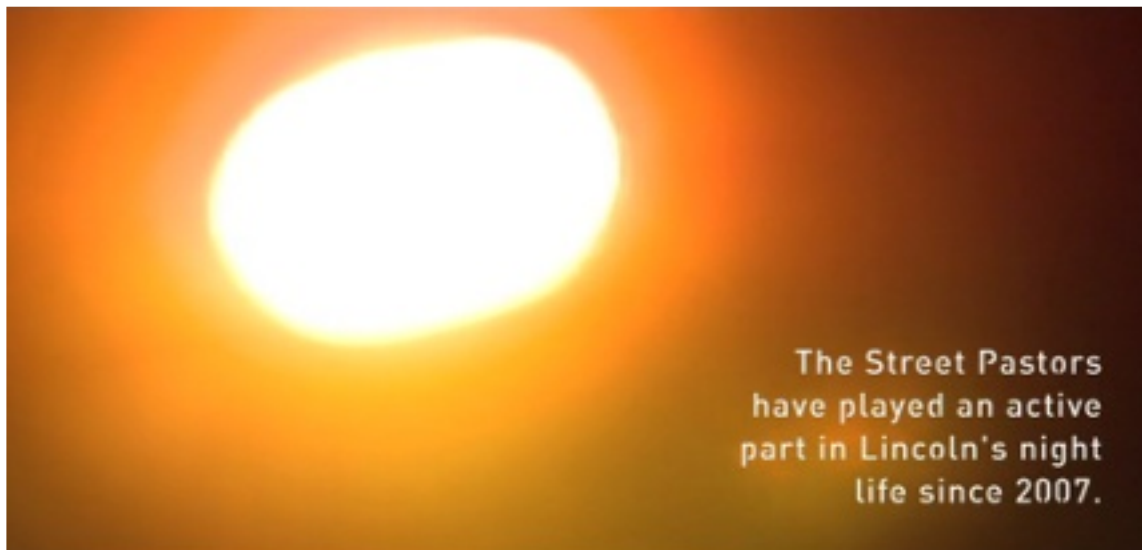
You can contact Lincoln's Co ordinator, Joy Liddle, on 07504 511119 or email her at [lincoln@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:lincoln@streetpastors.org.uk).

## Some Numbers....

There is no clear way that we can show the impact that the Street Pastors have on society: (1) we do not have direct access to the background data such as the nature of ambulance call outs on days when we are not on duty and for those days when we are on duty and (2) we do not wish to hamper the work of the Street Pastors by collecting needless data. Nevertheless, background data can significantly aid external, especially financial, support. We are tasked by the West Lindsey Community Safety Partnership to collect data which provides evidence on what we do. As we are nearly three quarters of the way through 2010, from the evidence that we and every Street Pastor initiative collects right across the country, we can indicate how we are doing.

So comparing this year with 2010, at this stage in the year, we have completed 18% more hours on the streets and collected 14% more bottles. Not surprisingly we are down 20% with the provision of flip flops and space blankets but wait until the cold weather arrives! Overall, the love of Jesus is unquantifiable but is poured out every time the Church is on the streets.

## Lincoln Street Pastors on Video!



The image above is from the latest Lincoln Street Pastors video, produced professionally by Blink Media from Lincoln. It highlights what the Street Pastors do in Lincoln and importantly gets comments from various influential dignitaries from the Lincoln community. We have uploaded the video on YouTube and it can also be accessed via <http://goo.gl/42TWI> : we strongly encourage that you pass on this link (and the newsletter!) to others so more people can be enthused to support the Street Pastor work, wherever they may live.

***Could you join Lincoln Street Pastors? We are recruiting Street Pastors to commence training progressively with a view to Commissioning in November 2011 and we are also eager to bolster the Prayer Pastor team. Please contact Joy Liddle on 07504 511119 with regard to the Street Pastors and Edwin Prockter, our Prayer Coordinator, on 07806 783 808.***

Rev Mark Lawrence, who joined the Lincoln Street Pastors when they started in October 2007 and has been a Director of the charity organisation since Nov 2009, steps down from the Board of Directors in this month. "From the moment I heard about the possibility of Street Pastors (SP) coming to Lincoln I wanted to be a part of it. Having attended the various SP training sessions and meeting with others who were being called from many different denominations and backgrounds my call to serve with them was confirmed. It was clear to me that God was really wanting for His people to leave the comfort of their buildings and venture on to the streets in His name. It appears from various other 'outside' ministries that this is a growing realisation for many disciples of Jesus. The more I learned about SPs the more I could see the favour of God and as I said to the first cohort I want to be in the centre of anything that has God's favour upon it! For nine months I was part of a team on the streets of Lincoln. Every week we had opportunities to serve the Lord by serving the people of Lincoln. What a ministry of grace SPs is! I believe that it will have a significant impact not only to this generation, but future generations too. What I think SPs are doing, through obedience to the call of God, is softening this generation's heart to the Gospel. As many of you will recall there was a reasonably high level of suspicion amongst police, managers and the public to the SPs. However, over a relatively short period of time there was a softening of hearts and a different attitude became evident. Instead of suspicion came not only an acceptance of this ministry, but favour and appreciation of it both from the revellers and authorities. God was and is at work not only here in Lincoln, but across the nation. People's perception of the church (and I dare to believe of God as well) has changed from seeing us as disapproving finger wagger to caring, accepting advocates. By God's grace He has worked through SPs to bring about a quiet revolution of kindness and compassion. By God's grace He has worked through SPs to bring about peace on the streets. I don't need to tell those who have phoned through to the Prayer Pastors to see God at work bringing peace from conflict and tension in specific and sometimes instant ways! I do believe there is a sigh of relief in heaven each time the church goes on to the streets and is concerned enough to step out in faith. SPs is a tangible, weekly demonstration of the incarnational presence of Jesus. May His Body continue to be obedient to the vision and may God add to this ministry here in Lincoln and across the nations."

God bless,  
Mark

Please pray for:

The continued safety and protection of the Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors, particularly on a Friday and Saturday night.

That relationships between the Street Pastors and those that are out in an evening will be positive.

The continued strengthening of the relationships between the Street Pastors and the police, pub managers, staff and door staff and especially with new venues such as Wahoo and Tokyo.

The work that Street Pastors initiative has already done and what has been achieved so far.

The new pastors, both Street and Prayer, as they commence their training this year.

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