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## From the Directors Desk...

Summer is nearly over, we are anticipating some good things for the autumn here at Ascension Trust,

- The Street Pastors Practitioners Conference 12th-14th November 2009
- The London Street Pastors Graduation Ceremony for some 150+ Street Pastor's
- The Street Pastors Annual Dinner with the Archbishop of York, Revd. Dr John Sentamu.
- The Opening of Ascension Trust Street Pastors Scotland.
- Possible move of Ascension Trust London Head Office (date TBC).

As we have been working towards all these things we confidently rely on the Lord's grace and strength. Remember it is the Lord who keeps and gives strength to all. (Psalms 121:1-4).

*"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth...Behold, He who keeps Israel, shall neither slumber nor sleep."*

May the Lord's grace keep and strengthen us as we enter the autumn season.

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Ascension Trust presents...

## Street Pastors

The practitioners conference '09

12th -14th November 2009

The Emmanuel Centre  
Marsham St. Westminster,  
London, SW1P 3DW

*"Drawing together specialist information  
& sharpening knowledge skills..."*

**Speakers include :**

- Rev. Les Isaac CEO of Ascension Trust
- Dr. John Sentamu Archbishop of York
- Boris Johnson The Mayor of London
- Rev. David Shosanya Co-Founder & London Baptist Association Minister
- Rod Jarman Deputy Assistant Commissioner Metropolitan Police
- Professor John Pitts Criminologist
- Oliver Nyumbu Chief Executive of CARET

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## Saturday 14th November 2009

The 6th Annual Street Pastor's Dinner is a special occasion in which guests from across the nation come together in celebration to mark the growth and development of the Street Pastors initiative. The highly distinguished Archbishop of York Dr. John Sentamu will be giving the keynote address for the evening.

**H**otel Ibis London Earls Court  
47 Lillie Road, London SW6 1UD

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Three-course served meal  
Early Bird £30.00 (until Monday 31st August)  
Normal price £38.00 (from Tuesday 1st Sept)

Further information:  
events@streetpastors.org.uk

For Bookings:  
http://streetpastorsdinner09.eventbrite.com



Special Conference  
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## Street Pastors TOP story!

Hi There

My 20 year old daughter is in her 3rd year at Chester Uni training to be a Childrens Nurse. Last night she went out into Wrexham with 3 of her friends to celebrate passing all her exams and assignments and to look forward to her last and final year of training. On leaving the nightclub in the 'early hours', the 4 girls were all 'shoe-less' from dancing and celebrating all night, and all a little 'worse for wear!' This morning she presented me with a pair of purple flip flops, she told me that when the girls left the club they were greeted by some Christians who gave them the flip flops to walk to the taxi rank, fastened their shoes around their necks and were 'very kind'.

I am writing to say THANK YOU SO MUCH. Your Street Pastor Scheme is fantastic, it is really making a difference. As an ordinary mum, it is so refreshing and reassuring to know that there are kind genuine people out there who are keeping our children safe. (Mums worry so much, my baby maybe 20, she is embarking on a professional career with sick children, however as an intelligent, beautiful young woman, when alcohol is involved she and her friends are all 'at risk'). The Street Pastor Scheme is absolutely wonderful and I am extremely grateful. Please send me an address were I can send a donation for 4 pairs of purple flip flops!

## Meet a Pastor

**Name:** Alison Murray

**Age:** 21 + VAT

**Occupation(s):** PT AT-Rep, Enfield SP Coordinator, Catering Food Hygiene Trainer, Mother, Grandmother, Full-time wife.

**Favourite Past-times:** Singing, Walking the Dog in the rain in the woods (cue violins!).

**Fav 1-liner:** "The church has left the building"

**Most embarrassing moment:**

**Skirt Falling down at church!**

**Street Credibility Percentage: 70%**



## On the streets story...

School pastors so far

"We've been promoting the School Pastors initiative in various churches and as a result have recruited approximately 12 School Pastors thus far. We are currently in the process of developing a handbook and training manual that will better assist in standardising the level of training for School Pastors. It is important to note we take into account that each school is unique according to its demographic and geographical make up, thus this will influence the type of training provided to our School Pastors and students alike.

We have had excellent support particularly from Lambeth School; Archbishop Tension over the past year and the positive effect that the School Pastors are having on the students has continuously been praised by students, teachers and parents! We would also like to acknowledge the School Pastors initiatives operating in Bexley, Croydon and Barking & Dagenham. We're all looking forward to the new term!"

Roger Reid