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CHORLEY STREET PASTORS

Street Pastors

Commissioning Service Saturday, October 24th, 2009



Chorley Street Pastors had a great Commissioning Service on Saturday 24th October. Chief Inspector Richard Robertshaw and Senior Police Officers were present. We also had our Mayor Iris Smith and her husband Jim and representatives of the local council and Cabinet Members. The Mayor and Inspector Robertshaw spoke well giving very encouraging words

Local church leaders gathered together from the Church of England, Methodist, and Pentecostal including others. We also appreciated Ian Humphries our North West Area coordinator joining us on behalf of the Ascension Trust.



We commissioned 26 Street Pastors on the night and are looking to recruit for our next intake in 2010.

The inspiring message given by Ken Howles Vicar of St James Church was based from the New Testament on being an 'Ambassador for Jesus Christ' and spoke of the need for bold love and active grace as they go out onto the streets.



ENGAGE WITH OUR COMMUNITIES Care, Listen, Help

Friday 30th October saw the first Street Pastors patrol in Chorley town centre. The team were excited to get out after their training and following of God's call upon their lives. After a time of prayer with fellow Christians and a briefing from the local police, eight volunteers from local churches, went out at around 8.00pm.

Almost immediately the team chatted to local youth and passers by as they met with questions of 'what are you doing'? This led to many positive responses. The local pubs including The Leigh Arms and the White Hart opened their doors with a warm welcome to join them anytime they were passing.

Some time was spent meeting door staff, bar staff and the licensees of the town centre pubs, including the bus station manager, introduced by Sgt Bushell. They attended an incident with a young female, drunk and waited with her for a safe delivery home.

The second team travelled to Coppull to get to know a large group of 40-50 young people, congregating near the subway. They have been meeting on a regular weekly basis and seen very positive results as the teenagers welcome them, sharing their problems and individual concerns.

Whilst the team are out and about the Prayer Team have a wonderful time as they are busy praying at LivingWaters and The Community Church. They will be praying each Friday as the teams go out. If you would like to join in praying for the teams then please get in touch with Carol Halton for the next venue and times of meeting. 01257 266155





Chorley Christmas Lights Switch On

Chorley Street Pastors turned out in force on Saturday to meet and greet the thousands of people who turned up in the town centre for the official Christmas Lights switch-on. It was a great opportunity to raise the profile of this new project.



BBC Radio Lancashire hosted a wonderful event on the stage and showed great support by kicking the day off with an interview from the team coordinators. The response from the day was extremely positive as they met with lots of questions and heart warming approval from the public



Street Pastors will not be Street Preachers and never will be. They are there to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ when people need it the most, to care for and befriend people who may be lonely, friendless or disenfranchised.

'if you had been around when I was younger I may not have got in this state' SH 18years

"Thanks to Street Pastors our damage figures have been significantly reduced in Coppull"

*Chief Inspector
Alison Harris*

'I trust the Street Pastors, I know that if I fall down they will pick me up 'JW 17 years old

'Thank you for praying for me as I prepare to leave for Afghanistan next February' MH 19yrs

"The Street Pastor scheme is about giving something back to our local community, about getting involved at the grass roots level and showing others that together we can make a real difference to our town and our local community. I look forward to supporting the continued good work of the Street Pastors in Chorley"

*Lindsay Hoyle
MP*

Together we can make a difference!

Be part of the growing initiative that is changing our communities

Future Developments

Following the launch of the first Chorley project we are currently in discussion with Chorley Police and the Chorley force with a view to expanding to 2 nights per week (Friday and Saturday) in 2010

We will be hosting an evening early in the New Year at LivingWaters church in Chorley where you can find out in more detail about the training and recruiting procedures

We are also available to visit you personally or your church or group with a short multimedia presentation of the work of Street Pastors.

If you are interested in any of the above please get in touch and we will be more than happy to help.

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