

Spring 2009

Torbay Street Pastors

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Spring has Sprung!!

Our teams are so pleased to be enjoying some dryer and warmer nights at last – it is so good to see Spring!

Torbay Street Pastors goes from strength to strength. On Friday 20th March 17 more Street Pastors were commissioned by Reverend Les Isaac (the founder of Street Pastors) and enjoyed a sparkling service at St Matthias in the company of Mayor Bye and Assistant Chief Constable Debbie Simpson. We were also

delighted to welcome many Councillors. The Service was filmed to be part of a Torbay Street Pastor DVD that we hope to use in our talks to encourage other towns to get involved with the Street Pastor initiative.

As a result of the Police Day Conference on 12 February, Totnes, Falmouth, Tiverton and Tavistock are very busy getting their Churches, Police and Councils interested in setting up their own initiatives. At

the end of the Day Conference 20 people put their hands up to say they would like to see Street Pastors operating in their home towns!



Our original vision was and is for Torbay, but God ...

Progress Report

Torbay Street Pastors have enlarged their Management Team to take on a Training Coordinator, Maria Long, a PR & Fundraising Coordinator, Trevor Staveley and a Presentations Coordinator, Darryn Roberts. Our Saturday Prayer Leader and Chairman of Torbay Street Pastors is now our Prayer Coordinator with his wife Fran. This should be a great help in sharing the load. We have a Team of Torbay Street Pastors' Presenters trained to give talks and recruit now, and we are hoping to encourage more volunteers

to come on board, especially as our autumn training schedule will include mostly evening training sessions and only 1 or 2 Saturday training sessions. We need more men to get involved to keep our teams balanced i.e. two men and two women in each team, and more teams to cover more areas.

Our two Coordinators, Rog & Ros, went to the Ascension Trust Coordinators Conference in London on 10-11th March with over 80 others, where they

heard that Street Pastors is now in **111** locations in this Country and **70** places are in the process of setting up! There are now **over 2,500** Street Pastors in this Country! It was a great time of sharing stories and ideas and helping each other. They were also treated to a visit to the Houses of Parliament on a specially hired London double-decker bus!



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One of our Street Pastors is going on holiday to Antigua and going out with the Team that works over there! I bet she doesn't take her winter coat!!! Another is spending time in Lincoln and going out with the Lincoln Team!

Progress (contd)

The Christian Resources Exhibition was held 29-31st January and we were invited to join the Exeter Cathedral stand. It was a great time and we made many contacts from across the Country. We also had a stand at this year's Volunteer Fair on 11th February which was held in Torquay Town Hall. Darryn and Ruth manned the stand and made many good contacts one being our Mayor who was very positive about our work. On Saturday 25th April we will have a stand at the **Upton Vale**

Baptist Church Missions Fair 10.00am – 3.00pm, please come along and support us. We are also considering joining the Devon Churches Stand at the **Devon County Show** 21-23rd May – again if you are there please come and introduce yourselves, we would love to meet you. Another event coming up is a sponsored **Professional Car Wash** being held at **St Mary Magdalene Church (Upton Parish Church next to Courts in Torquay)** on **Saturday 9th May**. Please

ring Mrs Ball on 391676 to book in. Last year we had bacon butties while we waited!!! Roger Leigh who is the Professional Car Washer worked so hard as he was determined to earn enough to put a Street Pastor on the street. He made just over £300! **Also on Saturday 9th May The Bishop of Exeter, The Rt. Revd. Michael Langrish and our Chief Constable Stephen Otter are coming out with us on the streets to see what we get up to!**

Statistics

	To end Oct 08	November	December	January	February	Total
Nights	37	6	7	9	8	67
Man Hours	1668	288	400	336	286	2978
Man Hours on street	1251	216	292	272	231	2262
Prayer Pastor Hours	861	144	150	122	108	1385
Bottles/Glass	732	122	173	89	116	1232
Umbrellas	58	0	13	19	0	90
Lost Property	5	0	0	2	0	7
Flip Flops	88	28	75	36	31	258
Emergency Blankets	17	7	21	10	6	61
Bandages	15	1	0	0	0	16
Water	51	12	20	18	14	115
Contacts	2682	582	695	541	530	5040
Incidents	113	36	41	23	24	237
Lives saved	2	1	0	0	0	3

We ♥ Torbay Street Pastors

Look out for new Torbay Street Car Stickers and "I love Street Pastors" badges! Coming soon!

Good News!



On February 7th Barbara Cook, one of our Street Pastors, organised a **Torbay Street Pastor Hymnathon**. We sang for 5½ hours, 100 hymns and songs and raised in excess of £1700!!! How amazing is that? We really enjoyed ourselves and folks have asked if we can do it again! If you have any good ideas for fundraising, especially if they are fun ideas, please contact Trevor Staveley our PR and Fundraising Coordinator on 01626 200358.

Or if you would like a talk/presentation please contact Darryn Roberts on 01803 551640 – we would be delighted to come and talk to your particular group, Church, club etc. **Prayer Request** I have read in the paper tonight that Torquay Language Schools are expecting a bumper number of foreign students to come to Torquay this year because

the pound is so weak against the Euro. Please pray for us as we try to help these students on Friday and Saturday nights. In fact we really appreciate your prayers all the year round. **We need you!** If you are interested in getting involved with **Torbay Street Pastors** contact details are on the front of this Newsletter.