



Torbay Street Pastors Summer Newsletter 2008

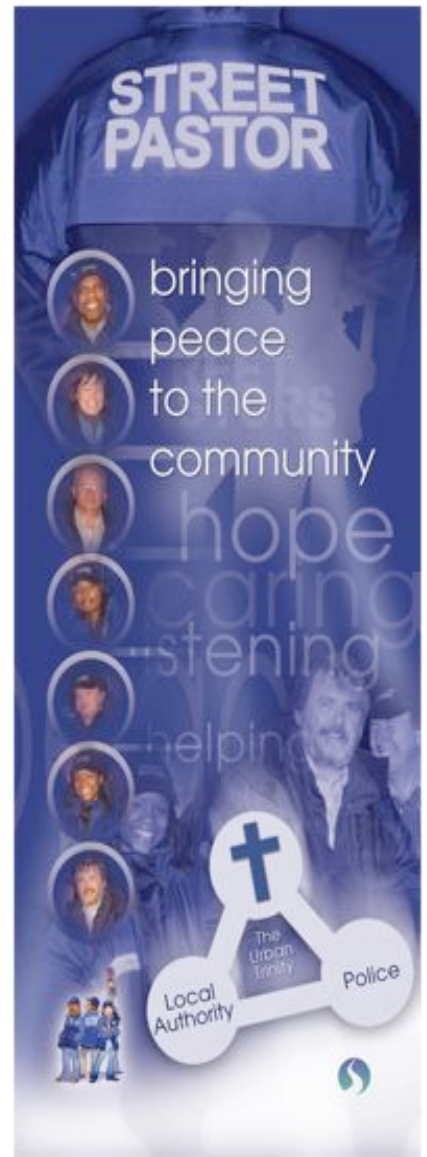


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Men at work! Prayer and Street Pastors catching up at break time end of 12-2am shift!

Thank You God for blessing us so much!!!

In our last Newsletter it finished with saying "Devon here we come".

It is with delight we report that Plymouth are now in operation, Exeter are in the process of appointing a Coordinator so they will soon be training and last but not least North Devon (Bideford, Barnstaple and Ilfracombe) have had Ascension Trust visit them and they are in the process of putting a Management Team together. There have also been several meetings taking place in Cornwall!!!

Here in Torbay our Teams are growing in strength with each week of experience. We have now been in operation for 4 months and have learnt so much—especially the need to increase the



equipment that we carry—flip flops for sore feet, space blankets for those that shiver, water to help those who have consumed too much alcohol, paper bags for those who hyperventilate and plenty of first aid equipment.



It has been great to receive phone calls from parents thanking us for helping their children. It just makes it all worth while.

It has been good to see distressed youngsters reunited safely with friends. Also it has been a great help to have The Bus in situ for those who need a safe haven to recover before setting off for home.

On 24th May Councillor Baverstock from Totnes

joined the Street Pastor Team as an observer. He is a retired Police Officer and wanted to experience a night on the street with one of our teams. Unfortunately it was the wettest night we have experienced so far! However, he sent a very encouraging report back to his Council and we are now waiting for an opportunity to go and talk to them.

Saturday 5th July will see 3 Barnstaple folk going out as observers and in August we have two Exeter Police representatives observing too.

We are getting very encouraging feedback from the Police and the public—the youngsters thank us for making them feel safer.

So to all of you who are supporting us with your prayers and finance thank you and please be encouraged.

PRAYER NEED

We are always looking for volunteers, especially Prayer Pastors as we need a team to cover Friday nights. So if Friday appeals more than Saturday please get in touch on 01803 873529. Prayer Pastors do not have to undertake the training as they do not have dealings with vulnerable people on the streets. We cannot operate without our Prayer Team—they are our

POWERHOUSE.

Events!!

On 3rd of June we, that is Prayer Pastors, Street Pastors and spouses got together for a Faith Meal at Upton Vale Baptist Church and had a very encouraging evening.

Once training sessions stop we only meet up as Teams and so it is good to get together on a fairly regular basis to share our experiences and to get feedback as to how to improve our operation.

Not only that we wanted to thank the spouses of the Prayer and Street Pastors for their background support.

The food was great, the company was great and we all went home rejoicing!!

On 20th June we had great fun meeting up with our "Friends of Torbay Street Pastors" for a coffee and cake evening at St Paul's Preston and a time of sharing with

them of our experiences on the streets. Our aim was to encourage and thank them for supporting us.

Over the last 4 months we have attended many Churches and afternoon and evening meetings and would be very happy to do more! If your Church or Church Meeting, Home Group etc. would like to hear more about Street Pastors please get in touch on 01803 873529 and we will arrange a date! We have the equipment to do a PowerPoint presentation or we are happy to just give a talk.

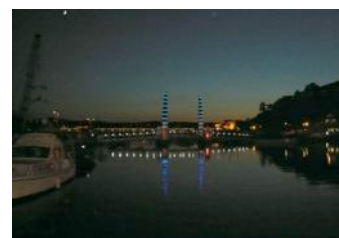
At the beginning of July we were asked if we would put together Teams for a Thursday night and take a Government Minister out with us. As you can imagine we felt very privileged and excited. However, this was cancelled due

we suppose to the work and pressures on the Government at present. We were told that it might be rearranged for later in the year.

On 5th July several of us went to share Street Pastors with an Outreach on the Green on Preston seafront. It was so good to be part of an event where 4 Churches were working together to reach out to the community. Street Pastors is all about all Christian denominations working together in unity and so we were delighted to be a part of this



Outreach. The weather could have been kinder!!



Our beautiful harbour at night



Off down to the harbour for duty, looks like it has stopped raining!



Down at the harbour side showing an observer the "ropes".

Local Support

TOTNES

We are delighted to have been invited to Totnes to speak at St Mary's Parish Church and St John's Bridgetown as part of their Charity Sunday on 27th July.



class professional carwash for us on Saturday **2nd August**. This will run from 9.30 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon. Bacon butties will be served in the morning and a barbeque will operate in the afternoon. If you would like to support Torbay Street Pastors by having your car washed or by enjoying a scrumptious snack or both! Please ring Mrs Ball on 01803 391676 as all cars need to be booked in thus avoiding a traffic jam. The car wash takes place in the car park of St Mary Magdalene Church which is at the top of Castle Circus next to the Torquay Courts. It is the Upton PARISH Church. Look forward to seeing you there!

If you belong to a Church who have teams who carry out sponsored events and are looking for a Charity to sponsor we would love to hear from you.

Whilst on the subject of support Torbay Street Pastors would like to thank the many Churches in the Torbay area who support us so well with finances, facilities for training and social events—we are so glad to be part of such a brilliant Christian family!

As our numbers are growing we will be looking to commission at least another 16 Street Pastors. We will keep you in touch and would love it if you would come along and support us on that very happy occasion.

FRIENDS

To become a "Friend of Torbay Street Pastors" please send £10 (annually, you will be reminded with a Newsletter, we need your address, tel. No. and whether you are a tax payer) to 3 The Drive, Water Lane, Kingskerswell, Newton Abbot TQ12 5FB and you will receive a membership card.

TORQUAY

Sponsored First Class Professional Car Wash Saturday 2nd August

As a result of one of our Church talks at St Mary Magdalene Church in Torquay a lovely group of people are organising a sponsored first



Saturday Night Street & Prayer Teams and observers from Barnstaple getting ready

If you would like more information please contact Ros & Roger Ede on 01803 873529

Or email: torbay@streetpastors.org.uk

All Company sponsorships and personal donations are most gratefully received. It costs £300 to put a Street Pastor on the Street. All donations should be made out to Torbay Street Pastors.

The Future Please pray the Friday Teams come together and that we continue to see the peaceful and safe nights that are prayed for. As Jeremiah says if we pray for our town and it prospers we prosper too.