



TUNBRIDGE WELLS STREET PASTORS

"The church in action on the streets"

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from Street Pastors
and public

There have been:

2 Commissioning Services

Now we have:

39 Street Pastors

45 Prayer Pastors

Representing:

23 Tunbridge Wells Churches

***Out there on the streets:-
Tunbridge Wells
Street Pastors***

Every **Friday**
and:- **1 Saturday** a month
10.00pm – 4.00am

*Our purpose is to be: 'Salt and Light',
'The church in action on the streets'
And: 'To help, to listen and to care'.*

...Street Reports...

*With so many to choose from, it was
not easy to decide which to leave out!
Hopefully, the ones selected will give
a fair representation of what it means
to be a Street Pastor in Tunbridge Wells*

**Q. Why do you help
these people – it's their
own fault they're
drunk!** (Member of
the public)

**A. God helps me even
when it's my fault....** (St.
Pastor)

*... The police were arresting
the boy who broke the bank
window –he was with a
group of boys. We
talked with them for a while.
One boy asked us to pray for
Him – so we did....*

*We saw a boy huddled in a shop doorway. We convinced him that it was not a good thing to stay there.
We walked him to a cash point, and then chatted to a taxi driver who eventually agreed to take him home. . . .*

... On a lighter note, a girl who'd read about Street Pastors in the newspapers insisted that she needed a pair of flip flops although she already had quite comfortable shoes on. However, once we'd given them to her, she felt guilty and gave them back for someone who would need them more!.....

***We learnt a bit more about the tough hours worked in the night-time economy
when we spoke to a young mother who was waiting for a lift back home to London.
Having just finished her shift at the P&P at 2.30am, she would have very little sleep
once she got home before having to get up for her two babies.***

*...A young man who had been paralysed from the waist down, as a
result of a motorbike accident, talked about his relationship problems.
He was fervently anti-Christianity, but was very happy that we
were going to pray for his girl friend, and for him.....*

***I was expecting to be
laughed at or insulted,
but most people seem to
like us!!!***



...A fight had broken out between two men, and a girl had tried to stop it by coming in-between them. A punch landed on her wrist and she was obviously in pain, and in shock. We put a space blanket around her; comforted and reassured her. A police car came by and took her to A&E, as the wrist seemed to be fractured....

...We witnessed the start of fight outside Royal Express over a bottle dropped on someone's foot. There were lots of young people around and although we detected signs of trouble brewing we could not pick out the two young men involved until the fight had started. Their friends intervened and it was over in a matter of seconds. Nearby was a woman on her own waiting for a bus, so we stayed with her until she left, as she seemed uneasy about what had been going on.....

....Shortly after leaving base we got into a conversation with a man (40+yrs) who began shouting obscene abuse about Christians. The people who witnessed the event seemed distressed and a couple came to reassure us that the man is known for such outbursts. We asked PPs to pray for the man and also for the people who witnessed the event to not be affected by what had happened. We met the man on a number of occasions later on, but his rants were less extreme. It was encouraging to have people defending us!....



Normally, I can't stay awake after 11pm, especially after being at work all day, but when I'm on treet Pastor Duty, I only feel tired when I get home!! Must be God (St. Pastor)

Being a Street Pastor - wearing this uniform - has given me more opportunities to share God's love than I could ever have imagined (St. Pastor)

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY:

.....For wisdom in all planning and decision making.....For even more Prayer Pastors – especially for Saturday night
.....For 2011 Training Programme arrangements..... ...For the necessary finances to be made available to us

As with all Street Pastor Initiatives, 'Tunbridge Wells Street Pastors' does not receive financial support from National Street Pastors (Ascension Trust). This means that we are responsible for seeking the funding necessary for Street Pastors to continue to reach out to the people of our town.

We are very grateful for the generous financial contributions to the work of Street Pastors received in 2010, and **at this time would ask you to prayerfully consider any further/ continuing financial support.**

Tunbridge Wells Street Pastors Initiative has recently been given charitable status, but for now our finances are still being managed by TWFE; so any cheques for T. Wells Street Pastors should be made payable to TWFE

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