

'Looking at the bigger picture' - From Coordinator, Monica Abdala:-

Street Pastors was pioneered in London in 2003 by Les Isaac. On that first night, 18 volunteers took to the streets of Brixton – 15 women and 3 men.

Since then, over 12,000 Street Pastors and prayer pastors have been trained. We believe in playing an active part in strengthening community life and working for safer streets. Currently, more than 300 towns and cities around the UK have a Street Pastors team. When you add prayer pastors, management teams and trustees, this means that there are over 20,000 volunteers in total associated with the Street Pastors network.

As well as serving the night-time economy, the Street Pastors model is being used in daytime and community settings, for example, in parks, schools and colleges. In 2014 we started to train experienced street pastors for the role of response pastors – volunteers who provide physical and emotional support in times of crisis such as the devastating Grenfell tower fire in June 14th.

Whichever context they are in, street pastors offer reassurance, safety and support through listening, caring and helping. They work together with other partners to make communities safer.

Hadvering Street Pastors 10th Anniversary

On the 10th June we celebrated 10 years of service in the community. The event was well attended and everybody seemed to have had a great time! We even managed to commission a new volunteer, our Chariman Gary Setihel ☺

Congratulations to all those who have persevered with the calling 🌸



HSP Romford & Hornchurch Summer 2017

Hadvering Patrols

Romford [Fridays]

August 4th 11th 18th 25th
September 1st 8th 15th 22nd 29th
October 6th 13th 20th 27th

Hornchurch [Saturdays]

August 5th 19th
September 2nd 16th 30th
October 14th 28th

When on patrol **Hadvering Street Pastors** provide a listening ear to anyone as well as the lonely, homeless, depressed and those affected by long term addictions.

They collect abandoned bottles & glasses which could be used as weapons & cause injury.

They engage in a non-judgmental way with everybody, including small and large groups of young people congregated in the streets.

The teams carry with them bottles of water for the thirsty and dehydrated, flip flops for the staggering ladies, lolly-pops as ice-breakers, tissues, wipes and sick bags.

Street Pastors are beacons of **peace** and **safety** in Romford & Hornchurch.

Street Pastors Training Dates

London 2017

9th Sept | 16th Sept | 23rd Sept | 30th Sept
21st Oct | 28th Oct | 4th Nov | 11th Nov

Interested?

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Street Pastors Encounters:-

When a team of Street Pastors go out on patrol they never know who they are going to meet. Here are a few of their most recent stories...

9th June 2017

At the start of the patrol we felt led to walk around and pray for the Waterloo Road estate. As there had been a number of stabbings recently we prayed for God's peace over the whole area.

First on scene involving an incident with a known rough sleeper who seemed to be in a coma. We were told by another homeless couple that he had taken a cocktail of alcohol and spice. Police arrived soon after but we waited and kept a number of passers by moving on. When the First Aid team arrived we moved on.

Met three teachers (1 male and two female) at the old voodoo sight. One of the ladies had stumbled on the pavement and was struggling to get to her feet. We provided water and assistance, eventually getting the lady to the black cab rank.

Outside Primark we met a young man, Anthony, who was heading for Circuit. We advised him that it was shut and we walked back with him to Fiction. A long and fruitful chat ensued.

Visited the station and spoke to Pat (who had just returned to work after an accident). Pat had been nominated for an award as he has intervened in a number of potential suicidal incidents (Praise God :) We spent some time praying at the station.

23rd June 2017

A young male approached SP Ponle, saying he wanted to talk. Phil joined the conversation, while SP Gerry and Ann provided prayer cover. The young man expressed a strong hunger, verging on desperate, to know God. Phil had the opportunity to give an account of his series of encounters with the Lord that led him to salvation...the young man listened with close attention. Ponle advised him he would certainly find God if he sought him and that the Lord had plans to prosper him and give him hope and a future. On two occasions he grasped our hands, firstly so that we could pray for him to find God and secondly because he wanted to thank God for all the ways he had blessed him in his life.

We parted with him saying his that this conversation was one of the most significant events in his life.

This was the closest I (TL Phil) personally have got as an on-duty SP to being involved in leading anyone to Christ. He was desperate enough to wave his friends away, saying he would join them in the club when he was ready. To **God** be the Glory!

8th July 2017

There was a lot of broken glass about tonight.

Walked the usual route out through the Firkin, up towards Luna and The George III, and out to check behind the Methodist church as they have asked us to do this. It was a hot night, and there were a lot of people outside the pubs. During the course of the night about half a dozen people stopped us to ask what we did, why we were doing it, and to tell us how much they appreciated it. This gives us the opening to share with them our desire to help, care and listen and above all, to serve God.

There was a group of about five adults in their 50s outside the Firkin. Two of them wanted to talk to us. One of them, Dan said he had a dark spirit in his house and sometimes he felt as though the spirit affected him too, and when he talked to his friends about it they dismissed him as being mad. We offered to pray for him. Mark and I moved to one side with Dan and prayed that he would have peace of mind, and feel relaxed and comfortable in his home. We prayed that he would feel Jesus' comforting presence, and that if there was any unpleasantness at his house, he would no longer feel threatened by it. He was very grateful and appeared visibly moved.

Meanwhile Carol was talking to Pete, who said he was a Catholic but didn't go to church. When Carol offered to pray for him, he said yes, and was pleased because he said no-one had ever prayed for him before.

Not everything is hard work ;)



We are currently looking for a Prayer Coordinator someone who is...

- ✚ Committed to prayer
- ✚ Able to organise, encourage, persevere, and give leadership in prayer activities
- ✚ Confident with emails, phone texting & MS Office
- ✚ Able to work as part of a team and attend management meetings (4 per year)
- ✚ Friendly and engaging
- ✚ Willing to go out with a team of Street Pastors at least 4 times a year

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