



Street Pastors Launch Edition

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This is an exciting time to be a Christian living in Colchester! As the date approaches for the launch of street pastors, we take time this month to thank God for all He has done in bringing the Street Pastors project to this stage, and for the many aspects of mission in Colchester.

Marie

From Tim Abbott:

We'll be putting together an ongoing training programme for the new year. If you're still unsure about becoming a Street Pastor, do come to the training sessions anyway. If you subsequently decide to go for it, you'll already have covered some of the training. And if you'd rather pray in support than tread the streets, you'll have a clearer idea of what it's all about - plus, those of us planning to go out onto the streets would love to know who you are!

Finance

We need to make clear that you don't have to pay a fee to be a Street Pastor. We've heard that a few people are saying they'd like to be a Street Pastor but they can't afford it. Training and uniforms will need to be paid for. We already have £2000 promised from grants and are trusting that between us and our churches we can raise the extra needed. Exactly how much will depend on how many people eventually decide to be Street Pastors.

Training

Saturday 8th December

10:00am - 4:00pm - Mount Zion Salvation Army Centre, Ipswich Road

Launch Event

Saturday 8th December 8:00pm - Launch event at the Town Hall

On the streets!

Friday 14th December

Friday Street Prayer

Finally, please aim to spend at least one evening out with the Friday night street prayer team that meets at Eld Lane Baptist Church from 11pm.

For an application form email me, or phone me!

You are part of something amazing for Colchester.

Blessings,

Tim Abbott

for Colchester Street Pastors

Street Pastors is just one aspect of the mission of the Church in Colchester. A practical demonstration of the good news reaching people where they are.

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Praying for Street Pastors

"Dear all,

This is an extra prayer update for Street Pastors to invite you to pray for us in the run up to the launch (14th December 2007) and as the initiative develops.

My hope is that every trained Street Pastor will be 'praying with their eyes open' as they walk the streets representing Jesus each Friday night in the town centre. Alongside this we would like to the prayer-support developed further.

I see this happening in a number of ways:

- For people to commit to pray in a small group for Street Pastors during the night shift at a base in the town centre (venue TBC) – and to pray for Street Pastors when they come back to the base for breaks during their shifts.
- For people to commit to pray individually for Street Pastors during the night shift at home.
- For people to pray for the work of Street Pastors on an ongoing basis – but not during the night.

Ideally we would like to have at least 3 people praying each Friday of the month – This would mean 12 committed Street-Pastor-Prayer-ers altogether.

It may help you to get to know one Street Pastor, and to commit to praying for them. This way you will be praying for a person, not just a project! Ask God to show you if there is someone specific for you to support in prayer.

The attachment is a reply slip, giving you the chance to respond to the above proposal. If you are willing and able to support us in prayer, please fill in and return the reply slip asap. Please also indicate on the form how often you would like to receive prayer updates.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to contact me on 01206 522781 or e-mail kt_anywhere@hotmail.com)

Thank you so much for your persevering prayer and faithfulness for our town

Love and prayers"

Katy Smith

Feedback from a senior police officer

"Please pray for Street Pastors, I want to see increased tranquillity in our town and a reduction in alcohol abuse. Pray that people take Street Pastors seriously.

And thank you for praying for the police - we need your prayers!"

Street Pastors are people from local churches who have been trained to care for, listen to and help people in town at night - the Church on the streets, demonstrating God's unconditional love.

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