

WHITSTABLE STREET PASTORS AND INTERCESSORS REQUIRED

Patrols are going out each Friday evening, 7pm – 10pm, and the Prayer Team cover them in prayer for these hours (so, effectively, we are one team!). Normal times are 7pm – 12 midnight.

Street Pastors: at present teams of 3 Street Pastors go out each week. For any who are interested there is a process of application and training is required. The training is now mostly on-line, with only certain elements in-person.

Prayer Team: We are still meeting on Zoom from 7pm-10pm but with a break part way through the evening (to alleviate 'Zoom brain'!). Current teams are based on availability and from a number of different churches each week. It's a great setting in which to engage together as Christians. In due course we will resume prayer in-person at the Methodist Church but there is no date proposed for this yet.

Prayer Coordinator: I attach a Role Description which I hope might be helpful to inform but not too much to put anyone off! It's a key role which we would love to have filled.

Anyone interested in Street Pastor or being part of the Prayer Team, best idea is to email Mark Arnold: arnold_mg@yahoo.co.uk

Whitstable Street Pastors is seeking a Prayer Coordinator.

The role of Prayer Coordinator within Street Pastors is to head up the Prayer Team who give prayer support for Whitstable Street Pastors patrolling our beach and streets on Friday evenings.

Background Information

Nationally, Street Pastors encourage each Street Pastor group to have an active prayer team supporting the patrolling team in real time. In Whitstable we have benefitted greatly from having a Prayer Team meeting at the base (Methodist Church).

Prayer teams comprise willing pray-ers drawn from across Whitstable churches. As Christians from many different churches have united in the prayer team, it has been so beneficial and rewarding to witness a developing

richness of fellowship as people have mixed and matched, interacted, and made friends.

In 'normal' times teams gather on Friday evenings for patrols which start at 7pm and finish up by midnight. 5 hours of prayers might sound daunting, but it is interspersed with refreshment breaks for the patrol team and much sharing of scripture, perhaps song too, prayerfully worshipping and connecting with God in ways that are enriching and inspiring.

While they are there, the prayer team and the patrolling teams effectively operate as one.

The prayer team will:

- Pray for those on patrol and for those they encounter;
- Organise hospitality (teas, coffees and nibbles) for the patrol team who return to base for breaks during the evening;
- Keep walkie-talkie radio contact from base to patrol, enabling real-time updates, requests for prayer, and on occasion the exchange of words of knowledge suggesting, for instance, where the patrol team might choose to go, etc..

The Prayer Coordinator:

- Is a member of the Whitstable Street Pastors Steering Group and a Trustee of the charity, responsible for keeping an ongoing focus on prayer and the work of the Prayer Team;
- Promotes, encourages and enables prayer support for the patrol team, and with it a prayerful covering of the town;
- Encourages and oversees the prayer team and produces a weekly rota. This does not require attendance every week. Administrative help with the practicalities of the rota is available if required;
- Promotes and recruits additional prayer team members.

Enquiries / applications should be addressed to Alan Mitchell, email: pastor.alan@talk21.com