



CHRISTMAS 2018

A child is born to us! A son is given to us!
And he will be our ruler.
He will be called,

Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God,
Eternal Father,
Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

Ashford Street Pastors wish you a
happy and peaceful Christmas and a
fulfilling and healthy 2019



Ashford Street Pastors need more volunteers especially Prayer Pastors to help us with our mission of caring, listening and helping the vulnerable on our local streets. Now is the time to join us as our training schedule starts in March. Please email Lita for more information and an application pack: ashford@streetpastors.org.uk

February Commissioning Service



Ashford Street Pastors

8 February 2019
from 7.30pm - 9.30pm

We warmly invite you and a
guest to our
Commissioning Service
at **St Teresa's Church**
4 Maidstone Rd
Ashford
TN24 8TX

Followed by coffee and cakes

Please RSVP to: ashford@streetpastors.org.uk
by 7 January 2019

Please join us as we welcome our 2018 recruits onto our team.



Ashford Street Pastors

Kindness in a tissue and a listening ear

It was about 2.30am and the Street Pastors were patrolling around the station and North and South Parks. Listening carefully, the team leader heard someone crying. Nearby they found a young woman, seated on a step, on her own, sobbing. Two of the team stood back as the team leader approached, asking if there was anything they could do to help. The young woman shook her head and continued to cry as the team leader offered tissues and sat by her for 30 minutes. The Prayer Pastors were contacted and they prayed until the intensity of the tears diminished. Few words were exchanged but care and help were offered and accepted.

A different evening in mid October, the team had only been out about an hour and there were lots of people ambling around the town centre, meeting up with friends and popping into the pubs, clubs and food outlets. It was a relaxed atmosphere and the team were being greeted with smiles, waves and hellos as they used their Street Pastor slow step to patrol the area. At the bottom of the High Street, they fell into conversation with a woman who was having a rare night out. She was the main carer for her parents who are living with dementia and she shared her struggles over balancing her many responsibilities in the face of cuts in services. As they parted company, she said thank you to the team for listening and accepted prayer too.

Friends of Ashford Street Pastors

Becoming part of 'Friends of Ashford Street Pastors' is a simple way to partner us, but it is also a very effective way of keeping the streets of Ashford safer on the nights we are out by setting up a standing order for a set monthly donation.

We are looking for 98 people to give £5 to £10 each month.

£5 = 400 lollipops
£5 = 30 bottles of water
£5 = 5 pairs of flip-flops

If you'd like a form, please email Lita using ashford@streetpastors.org.uk or ring 07511 816 621.

A few statistics...

Thanks to your support and donations, since January we have:

- completed 44 patrols, 980 hours with Street Pastors on patrol supported by over 600 hours of prayer from Prayer Pastors;
- engaged with more than 1700 people and assisted more than 200 people in vulnerable situations;
- removed 370 bottles and 55 glasses from the streets;
- handed out 174 bottles of water, 18 foil blankets, 63 pairs of flip flops and 1049 lollipops.