



Ashford Street Pastors



SUMMER 2019



On your feet now—applaud GOD!
Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.

Know this: GOD is God, and God, GOD.
He made us; we didn't make him.
We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

Enter with the password: "Thank you!"
Make yourselves at home, talking praise.
Thank him. Worship him.

For GOD is sheer beauty,
all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

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Invitation to our Annual General Meeting

25 July 2019

from 7pm to 8pm

We warmly invite you to our
AGM at
Ashford Baptist Church
St John's Lane
Ashford
TN23 1PS

Please come to hear how we are supporting the vulnerable in our local community and how much we depend on and value your support.

Armed Forces Day 2019



On Sunday 30 June, we were at the Armed Forces Day in Victoria Park, helping with the first aid presence on site and providing some much needed shade for people as they walked round. The aim of the day was to raise funds to support injured military personnel

It was a very enjoyable time with happy and relaxed people. There were several bands and the Army, Air and sea/marine cadets demonstrated their paces too. There were plenty of stalls and entertainment for children. We had several interesting conversations and a promise of an evening visit from Mayor Webb.



Help comes in all guises

It was midnight on the last day in May but the night was chilly with a stiff breeze. The team were at the station when they meet two lads who had missed the last train to Maidstone. They were wary of our Street Pastors, as they had not heard about them, but volunteered their names and ages, 15 and 16. They asked for taxi but had no money and wouldn't contact anyone. A call to 101 alerted the police to the presence of 2 teenagers but there was no officer in the immediate vicinity so please would the Street Pastors remain with them until an officer could get to them? The Prayer Pastors were on the case as there seemed to be no easy solution

An hour later, and the boys and the team were starting to feel rather cold and bored. Seemingly out of nowhere, a railway security officer appeared and took charge. The boys explained their situation and he agreed to arrange for a taxi to take them home, given their unique circumstances.

Sometimes help arrives in an unexpected uniform. The Prayer Pastors were told of the answer to prayer and put the kettle on for a brew to help the Street Pastors warm up before going onto Cameo.

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 more people to give £5 to £10 each month.

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

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

A few statistics...

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

- completed 23 patrols, over 500 hours with Street Pastors on patrol supported by over 300 hours of prayer from Prayer Pastors;
- engaged with over 800 people and assisted more than 130 people in vulnerable situations;
- removed 164 bottles and 20 glasses from the streets;
- handed out 126 bottles of water, 19 foil blankets, 40 pairs of flip flops and 594 lollipops.