



SPRING 2020



Ps 91 - Safe and Secure

**When you sit enthroned under the shadow of Shaddai,
you are hidden in the strength of God Most High.
He's the hope that holds me and the Stronghold to shelter me,
the only God for me, and my great confidence.**

He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy,
and he will protect you from false accusation and any deadly curse.
His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you.
You can run under his covering of majesty and hide.
His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm.
You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night
nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you.
Don't fear a thing!

Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you,
nor will the powers of evil launched against you.
Even in a time of disaster, with thousands and thousands being
killed, you will remain unscathed and unharmed.
You will be a spectator as the wicked perish in judgement,
for they will be paid back for what they have done!

When we live our lives within the shadow of God Most High,
our secret hiding place, we will always be shielded from harm.
How then could evil prevail against us or disease infect us?
God sends angels with special orders to protect you wherever you
go, defending you from all harm. If you walk into a trap, they'll be
there for you and keep you from stumbling. You'll even walk
unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness,
trampling every one of them beneath your feet!

**For here is what the Lord has spoken to me:
"Because you have delighted in me as my great lover, I will
greatly protect you.
I will set you in a high place, safe and secure before my face.
I will answer your cry for help every time you pray, and you will
find and feel my presence even in your time of pressure and
trouble.
I will be your glorious hero and give you a feast.
You will be satisfied with a full life and with all that I do for you.
For you will enjoy the fullness of my salvation!"**

This was the reading that Lesley gave us as the start of our first
virtual patrol of Ashford town centre on 20 March. 7 of us used video
conferencing software to join together and lift our voices in praise
and prayer since our patrols are suspended until further notice.

Steve guided us around the town centre in the footsteps of many of
our 411 patrols since 2010. We prayed for the pubs and clubs, the
shops and business premises and all the people who are present in
our town centre. We focused on the people we meet who are
homeless and are now even more isolated than usual and the
members of our local community who are confined to their homes.



Ashford Street Pastors

Plenty even in challenging times

We have 12 new Street Pastors recruits!

Tracey, Paula, Sonya, Caroline, Jude, Mary, Fani, Matt, Claire, Sarah, Paula and Paul have all signed up to complete 8 days training and 2 supervised patrols before being commissioned as Street Pastors. Thank you Holy Spirit for lighting a fire in each of these volunteers.

Heavenly Father, almighty creator of the universe, of everything great and small, we thank you for your generosity in providing the people we need for our mission to help the vulnerable in our society.

Saviour Jesus, we thank you for saving each one of us through your sacrifice on the cross. We ask you to provide for these 12 volunteers who have stood up be your hands and feet in our community. We pray that your voice will draw them ever closer to you so that they continually stand in your living water. Wash all disease and illness from them and protect them and their families with an impenetrable shield of health.

Holy Spirit, our guide and our comforter, we ask you to lead them in everything they do. Provide not only for their physical needs but also their spiritual discernment and wisdom. Give them peace, courage and strength as they step forward into new and challenging experiences.

Through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our 10th Anniversary

Ashford Street Pastors is 10 this year and in order to celebrate this we are blessed to have the Rev Les Isaac coming on

20 November 2020.

Please put this date in your diaries. More details will follow in due course as we make firmer plans and the current restrictions lift.

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 or prayer, please email Lita using ashford@streetpastors.org.uk or ring 07511 816 621.