

Richmond Street Pastors Newsletter. July 2011



July 1st was the start date of Gary Flynn's employment as the Richmond coordinator. He has set to work procuring our street equipment such as information cards, flip flops and radio equipment and he has been working with Sgt. Dave Allen of the Richmond Met. to agree local protocols for the Street Pastor team.

On July 6th we had our second recruitment evening and although we fewer enquirers than February everyone that came has applied to become either a Night Prayer Pastor or a Street Pastor.

The evening started a little late as there were two unexpected visitors. A homeless ex-SAS man had heard that we were meeting there and brought along his ex- Para friend Terry so that he could receive prayer. We were privileged to gather round these two in the street, neither of whom are Christians, and prayed for Terry who is dying of cancer. It seems a compelling example how Street Pastors are able to bridge a gap between church and community and bring comfort to those who need it. Please do continue to pray for Terry.

We now have 12 Street Pastors continuing with current training, a further 8 enrolled so far for September training and a further 8 enrolled as Night prayer pastors.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE JULY 15th

Richmond Street Pastors commissioning service will take place on Friday 15th July at St Mary Magdalene Parish church, Church Walk Richmond at 7.30 for 8pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards from 9pm. The service will be attended by representatives of the police and the council and all are welcome to attend - please do come and support!

Later that evening will be the first Richmond Patrol.

Please pray:-

- For a successful start on July 15th. And for Gary as he leads the team.
- That the Street Pastors would be in the right places on their patrols to meet those whom God intends to help through them.
- That the team would learn how to hear God in what might sometimes be a chaotic night-time environment.
- For good unity, fellowship and joy among the team – and stamina!
- For more Night Time Prayer Pastors.
- For good relations with the police, pub and club doormen, those involved with the night-time economy such as taxi drivers, late night shopkeepers, and CCTV operators.

Anyone interested in supporting financially, in prayer, or by becoming a Street or Prayer Pastor should contact: Gary Flynn at gary.streetpastor@hotmail.co.uk tel: 07966233504. National website: www.streetpastors.co.uk