

Dear Friends

We are very much aware that it is quite some time since we were last in touch with you.

As Street and School Pastors we really value the prayers of all the Christians in our town and especially at the present time. Over the last 6 months we have managed to resume our weekly Saturday night patrols in the town centre and frequent patrols in Halcon and Priorswood during daylight hours. Our School Pastor team is much appreciated by the pupils and staff at Taunton Academy but we are desperately short of volunteers to be able to meet all the requests made of us.

It has been our practice to ask each church that has a member of our team to pray for our ministry every few months. We would really appreciate it if your Church could include our work in their prayers during

the week commencing SUNDAY 12 MARCH

2022 , remembering us in your Sunday prayers, weekly bulletin, Home Groups and any other activity that seems appropriate to you.

Street Pastors are Christian Volunteers trained to care for others, especially young people, who find themselves in need of help late at night. Team members are willing to engage with people at their point of need whether on the streets, or in pubs, clubs and at other special events.

School Pastors offer support to pupils at Taunton Academy and patrol the environs of the school after lessons.

We are currently recruiting and will soon publish details of our next training course which will run in the New Year. Any local church member can attend any of our training sessions

free, but those wanting to become street pastors must be over 18, undertake a DBS check, complete the training, have the support of their church leader, pay a one-off joining fee (currently £180), and have a short informal interview. We will be pleased to provide some promotional material, a very short video clip and/or a presentation by one of our team if you'd like to know more. You may also wish to ask the member/s of your church who are part of our team to feedback about what they have been up to recently!

Members of your congregation are invited to join with Street Pastors at our base at the back of North Street Church as they pray and prepare to go out on patrol on Saturday nights. If you have anyone willing to join with us from 9.15 pm onwards we can provide details of where to meet us. We recognise that a number of you have elderly congregations and are unable to come out at night but please be assured that our teams will be praying for you during the week we have allocated you as our prayer partners.

You can ask us for further details by contacting our Administrator Ruth Dunn via email at secretary.taunton@streetpastors.org.uk

With sincere thanks in anticipation of your support in this way
Hazel Hare

Prayer Co-ordination Taunton Street and School Pastors