



# Glasgow Street Pastors

## Bulletin - 29 May 2020

### Welcome Holy Spirit .....

We celebrated Easter in quite a different way this year: sharing with others in worship, but in our own homes. Now, as we approach Pentecost, we will welcome the Holy Spirit in worship in the same way. Our worship by Zoom or on You Tube is quite a different experience, but definitely allows us to share and praise God.

### Welcome Family .....

And as lockdown eases we will also be able to meet up outdoors with family members we haven't seen in person for a while. And it looks like this will happen in glorious sunshine!

### Welcome - next steps....

As we enter Phase 1 as a country, we have guidance which allows us to think about how we can move forward and be of service in the city centre. The MT and Team Leaders have discussed possibilities. These will be explored with a focus on keeping safe. This will take time and as we keep hearing - we are entering a "new normal and going in baby steps".



*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15: 13*



**Regular giving:** continued thanks to all who give to GSP on a monthly basis or as one-off gifts. Our finances are only being used just now to cover our financial commitments. As with other charities, our donations have gone right down. If you are in a position to give to GSP, that would help as we move forward. This can be set up easily: bank details and gift aid information are available from Willie. ([willie.henry@gsp.scot](mailto:willie.henry@gsp.scot))

God bless you as you to stay at home, work in your own setting and continue to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

### And from Stuart

- If you're wondering what the city centre looks like at the moment have a look at a video posted by GCM. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNobWghpb7U>
- Scotland's Homeless Project are continuing to provide 350 meals each weekend for distribution across projects in Glasgow. They have also received funding from Cash for Kids to give vouchers to needy families.
- Stories continue to be posted on Twitter and Facebook of the incredible support being given by the public to the Simon Community and GCM. Hopefully this will continue to be part of the 'new normal'.
- Falkirk Street Pastors are part of SafeBase which is a partnership between Falkirk Council, Falkirk Delivers, Ambulance Service, Police Scotland and Street Pastors to help protect and assist the people in and around Falkirk District during Covid19 with the delivery of prescriptions and food.
- Police Scotland were in contact regarding a missing person, Anne Vetvik, from Maryhill.
- The Management Team meets on June 2 and Team Leaders on June 9.
- Chris Jewell (CEO ATS) has now held Zoom meetings with co-ordinators from all the Scottish initiatives. Connecting in this way will be continued to ensure a greater sense of SP 'community' across the country.
- ATS Board met on Tuesday May 26 and will meet again on Tuesday June 9.

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6: 18*

**PRAY**

Please pray for Lorna and Stuart as they continue to work from home.

*'Please see the prayer points from Willie .....*

### And finally,

*Please be in touch if GSP can be of support to you: please do not be stuck. As a family, we are here for one another.*

Linda Burke

Chair - Glasgow Street Pastors

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## Context for prayer

- It is really encouraging to see the stories on Twitter and Facebook showing the support of the public for the amazing work being done by *Glasgow City Mission* and the *Simon Community* for the disadvantaged people in our city and also for the support for the *Scotland's Homeless Project*.
- Our *Management Team* meets on Zoom on Tuesday 2 June and we going to continue considering how *GSP* can meet the needs of the people of *Glasgow* as we begin to move out of lockdown into what will be a very different world to the one that existed at the start of 2020. It is good that *Chris Jewell* has been able to connect with all the *Street Pastor* teams across the country.
- *GSP* is currently changing our legal status to become a *SCIO*. The application form for this has now been submitted to *OSCR* and we have heard from them that the documents included have all been received and that they are processing our application.

## Please pray:

- That the support will continue as we gradually ease out of the coronavirus crisis and that our citizens will continue to engage with these particular problems. Pray that permanent initiatives may be established in our land, which will work towards making rough sleeping, homelessness and serious disadvantage a thing of the past.
- That the *Management Team* can develop a vision that will enable us to be effective in the months ahead, bearing in mind the need to keep all the pastors safe. Pray that as we celebrate Pentecost this coming weekend, the power of the Holy Spirit will guide us to think creatively about how we can serve the Lord through *GSP*. Pray that we can take note of what is happening in other street pastor initiatives, such as *Falkirk* to see if there are ideas that might be able to be used in a *Glasgow* context. Pray also that *GSP* can remain connected to the other groups across the country, through the co-ordination work that *Chris* is doing and also through *Stuart Crawford* and *Linda Burke's* presence on the Board of *ATS*.
- That the application process to become a *SCIO* goes through smoothly and that the knock on impacts of this change will also not cause any difficulties or create any unforeseen problems for the way in which *GSP* operates.