



Glasgow Street Pastors

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Street Pastor Conference 2020

This conference is open to all Scottish Street Pastors, Rail Pastors, School Pastors and Prayer Pastors ... it will be great to have as many of you attending as possible. It is being spread over a week and more to give you all the best opportunities to participate.

The conference will have two main sessions which will be repeated. The **Strategy for the Future** sessions will take place on **Monday 21st September** and repeat again a week later on **Wednesday 30th September**, both at 7.30pm by Zoom. The Feedback sessions involving our initiatives on the theme of **Coming out of Lockdown** will take place first on **Wednesday 23rd September** and repeat on **Monday 28th September** again both at 7.30pm by Zoom. It is expected that each of these sessions will last about 80 minutes. The Zoom links will be provided nearer the time of each session to those who have registered.

Registration for the dates of your choice is through Eventbrite using the following link ...

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ascension-trust-scotland-national-scottish-conference-tickets-120640742709>

A number of short Conference pre-recorded elements will be available to watch at your leisure on our new Street Pastor Scotland YouTube channel from Monday 21 September. These will include a 'hello' from our Directors, greetings from MSP Murdo Fraser (a strong supporter of Street Pastors), a very relevant homily from Rev Colin Sinclair, the 2019 Church of Scotland Moderator, UK and international news from Rev Les Isaac, Chief Executive of Ascension Trust and a piece on the importance of prayer in all we say and do. The links to all these items will follow later.

PATROLS

Day time patrols have continued to be a source of blessing to the Street Pastors going out and to those we encounter on the streets. By the end of September, 29 shifts will have been carried out by 12 volunteers.

Night time patrols will recommence on Fri 25 September on a limited basis with a maximum of six team members. Briefing sessions are to be held on Mon 21 & Tue 22 September for volunteers returning to patrolling.

Stuart

And from Linda

Andy Sharp

Andy has decided it is time for him to step down. Andy has had many roles within GSP and was one of the founder members. Andy served on the Management Team, which he also chaired, he was also a team leader and served as coordinator for a time. Andy's contacts in Police Scotland proved invaluable and he will be greatly missed from GSP where his presence has made an impact. Our thanks to Andy for his years of service. Let us remember Andy and his family in prayer.



Thank you.....

Thanks to individuals, churches and groups for their kind donations of hats, socks, blankets etc. As you know, all of these items are of great use when we are out on regular patrols. At the moment, we have a good supply of these items so could we put a hold on donations for the time being?

Uniform

Unused uniform is going to be stored centrally for use across Scotland. We will have a system in place when restrictions ease a bit to hand in any surplus uniform to SGT. We should each hand in uniform if we step down.



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; it is important that we maintain this. 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)

The finance team continues to meet in advance of each Management Team meeting to keep a close eye on our financial resilience across this time.

PRAY

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

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

'Please see the prayer points from Willie

God bless you as we experience the changes in our daily lives.
My thanks to you all for all you do for GSP.

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Context for prayer

- GSP are starting evening patrols on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 September. Each team will operate with a maximum of 6 members. Briefing sessions will be held for these on 21 and 22 September.
- ATS are organising a Zoom conference for Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors. There are 2 sessions, both repeated. There will be a Strategy Session on Monday 21 September at 7.30pm repeated on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30 pm and a Feedback Session on coming out of lockdown, with various contributors on Wednesday 23 September at 7.30 pm repeated on Monday 28 September at 7.30 pm. Prayer Pastors who would like to attend any of these sessions should contact willie.henry@gsp.scot for the link to register.
- West End Street Pastors are winding up and joining with Glasgow Street Pastors, while continuing to patrol in the West End. The arrangements going forward are still to be finalised.

Please pray:

- For the teams starting out on evening patrols, that they will be able to operate effectively under the new regulations. Give thanks for the willingness of street pastors to go out on the streets at this time. Pray for safety for the team members and that they will remember to follow the risk management procedures put in place at the briefing sessions.
- For Chris Jewell and the rest of the ATS board as they launch this conference in a very different environment to normal. Pray that street pastors and prayer pastors will engage with these sessions and that they will be blessed and encouraged. Pray that AT and ATS will be able to develop an approach to street pastor work that will enable us to continue to listen care and help in a rapidly changing and uncertain situation.
- For West End Street Pastors and Glasgow Street Pastors as their teams come together later this year. Pray that the legal and administrative arrangements may be sorted out smoothly. Pray also that we will all be able to integrate effectively and that the work in the West End will be able to flourish, supported by prayer