

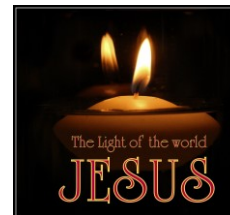


# Glasgow Street Pastors

## Bulletin - 4 December 2020

*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9: 6*

*All our hope is Him .... the Light of the World!*



Here is a message of hope that God works in our lives and has a plan for each one of us....

**Rev. Lorna Fyfe - one of our Street Pastors was ordained into the ministry on 3 November 2020**

*If I were to describe my journey into ministry by way of song ..... at times it's felt like '500 miles (and 500 more')! Or, during discernment with the Church of Scotland, training for ordained local ministry was the 'last thing on my mind'! By far the best piece of advice that I received along the way was 'don't stop believin' and, of course, to be reminded of that serves us all well.*

*Having trained and served with congregations in Motherwell, Wishaw, Uddingston, Hamilton and then as a probationer at St. George's Tron - I'd have to say that I've had 'the time of my life'. My world has become richer because of the people I've met, listened to, learned from and shared with.*



*In 2019, I was introduced to GSP by Alastair Duncan who felt that I would benefit from finding out a bit more about this work - he was not wrong! Being a member of Friday Team 3 has been and still is an inspiring and beautiful thing albeit heart breaking at times. Our GSP family walk into situations that most people would run away from. It's who we are and what we are called to do in Jesus' name. Thank you for the opportunity to live out my ministry in this way and for everyone's good wishes and support at the time of my Ordination on 3 November after which I have been deployed by Hamilton Presbytery to work as part of a Ministry Team established there, serving the people of Coatbridge.*

### And from Stuart

- Festive Patrols. Planning has been taking place to send out teams for the two weekends leading up to Christmas, daytime and evening, depending on the level of restrictions set by the Government on December 8. If, as anticipated, we move to Level 3 additional volunteers are required for the following dates and times.....  
Saturday 12 Dec. 10:30-12:30 (1 volunteer)  
Saturday 12 Dec. 14:00-16:00 (1 volunteer)  
Sunday 13 Dec. 17:00-19:00 (2 volunteers)  
Sunday 20 Dec. 17:00-19:00 (2 volunteers)  
Please **only** reply if you are able to help on any of these dates and times to [coordinator@gsp.scot](mailto:coordinator@gsp.scot)
- The GCM Overnight Welcome Centre opened for guests on Tue 1 Dec. On the opening two nights the service was used by at least 6 guests who would otherwise have been homeless. Others had accommodation arranged after arriving at the OWC. GSP is supporting this year through a generous donation of toiletries by the church of one of our SPs and also by sharing our resources of socks, gloves etc. We also have 3 SPs who are members of staff and two others who are volunteers. Please remember Elyse MacKinnon, the manager of the OWC.
- New underwear for both men and women is urgently needed for the OWC. Please get in touch if you are able to help with a donation.

- Helensburgh Helping Others has provided a significant donation of items of clothing which arrived at SGT. These are already being used by the OWC and will be distributed in the coming weeks as we support the work of other agencies.

And looking ahead to 2021.... we can pray into the work that God has in hand for us ....bringing hope to those we meet and to one another .....and what our work may look like.... dates are for information.

#### GSP ROTA DATES FOR STREET TEAMS AND SAFE ZONE 2021

TEAM	DATES
<b>Fri 1</b>	5 February, 5 March, 2 April, 30 April, 28 May, 25 June, 23 July, 20 August, 17 September, 15 October, 12 November, 10 December
<b>Sat 1</b>	6 February, 6 March, 3 April, 1 May, 29 May, 26 June, 24 July, 21 August, 18 September, 16 October, 13 November, 11 December
<b>Fri 2</b>	12 February, 12 March, 9 April, 7 May, 4 June, 2 July, 30 July, 27 August, 24 September, 22 October, 19 November, 17 December
<b>Sat 2</b>	13 February, 13 March, 10 April, 8 May, 5 June, 3 July, 31 July, 28 August, 25 September, 23 October, 20 November, 18 December
<b>Fri 3</b>	19 February, 19 March, 16 April, 14 May, 11 June, 9 July, 6 August, 3 September, 1 October, 29 October, 26 November
<b>Sat 3</b>	20 February, 20 March, 17 April, 15 May, 12 June, 10 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 30 October, 27 November
<b>Fri 4</b>	26 February, 26 March, 23 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 5 November, 3 December
<b>Sat 4</b>	27 February, 27 March, 24 April, 22 May, 19 June, 17 July, 14 August, 11 September, 9 October, 6 November, 4 December



**Regular giving:** continued thanks to all who give to GSP on a monthly basis or as one-off gifts. Your giving is greatly appreciated. Our finances are only being used just now to cover our financial commitments. 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))

**Thanks to everyone who has made the necessary banking changes to direct their giving to the CAF account.**

From now on all donations to GSP should be sent to the following account at CAF Bank.

Account Name: Glasgow Street Pastors SCIO  
 Bank Sort Code: 83-91-46  
 Account Number: 20401096

**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.

I pray you will know the peace and joy of Christmas!

Linda

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### Context for prayer

- Christmas 2020 will be different from any other in living memory, with many people suffering illness, financial hardship, loss and concern for what the future may hold. At this time of year we celebrate the birth of a Baby who, like many in our city, was forced to sleep rough as no accommodation could be found for His family. Yet He was Immanuel, God with us, and His coming brought hope to mankind and continues to do this in this most difficult situation.
- 2020 has been an extremely testing year for everyone. The Lord has helped GSP to keep going in an environment far removed from anything we could have envisaged nine months ago. Street pastor and prayer pastor teams have been able to stay together mainly through Zoom and we have been able to operate some day time patrols, though they are at present on hold during the lockdown. GSP finances have been maintained thanks to the generosity of our supporters, including many churches and we have managed to upgrade our IT equipment. We have also successfully arranged our conversion to a SCIO.
- Planning for 2021 and beyond is very difficult as there is still a lot of uncertainty. However, if the new vaccines are effective we may be back to some kind of normality by mid to late 2021. However, it is unlikely that everything will go back to just as it was pre-March. The environment of the night time economy may be different and we may need to cater for that. In addition, we would like to maintain the new day time patrols.

### Please pray:

- Thank the Lord for the coming of Jesus and for the hope that He brings - hope of salvation and deliverance but also the fact that He will be with us in our vulnerability and weakness and that people who think they have no value can find their self-worth and fulfilment in Him.
- Give thanks for the way the Lord has blessed GSP both materially and spiritually over the last year and brought us through this difficult time. Thank the Lord also that the homeless people in our city have been looked after and that efforts are continuing to develop a more permanent solution to the homelessness problem.
- For the management team as they try to plan for the future in a situation that is still unclear. Pray that GSP can develop policies and protocols that will enable us to be relevant to the needs of the people of the city. Pray that we will be able to strike the balance between ministering effectively and protecting the street pastors and their contacts from infection, especially when operating in the Safe Zone.