

# Glasgow Street Pastors

## Newsletter – 12 April 2021



Hello to you all!

In this Newsletter we are looking ahead to our return to patrols! Please see Stuart's outline for us:

- **GSP Return to Patrols and Prayer Walk.**

We also have input from Chris Jewell – CEO of Ascension Trust Scotland (ATS) giving us information about a shared evening with Work Place Chaplaincy.

- **An Introduction to Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland**

And we hear about the National Gathering from Rev Les Isaac – CEO of Ascension Trust (AT)

- **National Gathering: 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Rev Les Isaac, AT (CEO) writes:**

### GSP Return to Patrols.

Day time and evening patrols will recommence on Friday 7 May!

Team leaders have already been informed of arrangements for the 7 May onwards and will be in touch with their teams to prepare for a return to patrolling. Evening patrols will be from 8.30pm till 10.30pm initially.

Day time patrols will, initially, be on a **Friday and Saturday from 1pm-3pm**. It would be wonderful if we could have **two teams of two** patrolling each day. If you would like to be involved, please email [coordinator@gsp.scot](mailto:coordinator@gsp.scot) stating which day you would prefer and your availability from the 7 May onwards so that a rota can be produced. A short briefing meeting will be held for all who volunteer (by Zoom) to go over operating protocols.



### Prayer Walk

A 'Prayer Walk' has been planned for **Fri 30 April and Sat 1 May, 7:30-8:30pm** in the city centre and west end to prepare the way for a return to patrols. This is open to any SP, SZ Pastor and Prayer Pastor. We are looking for a **maximum of 12 volunteers for the city centre (4 teams of 3) and 6 for the west end (2 teams of 3)** The starting point will be outside the base for each area. Teams will be assigned 'routes' with suggested stopping points for specific prayer with prayer points provided. A final rendezvous point will be confirmed where, adhering to physical distancing, scripture and a prayer of declaration over the city will conclude the evening.

Please email [coordinator@gsp.scot](mailto:coordinator@gsp.scot) if you would like to take part in this significant event, stating clearly which night and which area (city centre or west end).

**An Introduction to Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland. Chris Jewell, ATS (CEO), writes:**

Recently many of our Street Pastors attended some mental wellbeing training by Zoom presented by Philip Patterson from Veterans Chaplaincy Scotland which is a part of the Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland organisation. Many thanks to those of you who attended. The training was extremely well received. Some WPCS chaplains were also able to attend the training. We feel it would be useful to give our Street Pastor management and teams some greater knowledge of WPCS and the work they do, so WPCS are kindly putting on a special session for us called an Introduction to Work Place Chaplaincy Scotland and this will take place by Zoom on Tuesday 20th April from 7pm to 9pm.

I think the knowledge of what WPCS do in your area will be of great interest and add to your knowledge of what's happening locally.

To register a place please go to Eventbrite at:

[Introduction to Work Place Chaplaincy for Street Pastors Tickets, Tue 20 Apr 2021 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

**National Gathering: 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Rev Les Isaac, AT (CEO) writes:**

*We will be having our first virtual National Gathering that will take place from **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2021; 10.00am - 2.00pm**. It is **FREE** (an offering will be taken).*

*We have a great line-up of speakers. Worship artist & songwriter **Lucy Grumble** will lead worship throughout the Gathering.*

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the National Prayer Gathering**

*Keynote Speaker: **Pastor Abi Willetts**, Ichthus Christian Fellowship's Pastoral Advisor to the Ichthus London Congregations & Overseas Missions Co-ordinator*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Day 1: National Gathering**

*Keynote Speaker: **Ram Gidoomal CBE**, Patron of Ascension Trust and Chairman of South Asian Concern, Allia Ltd and Cotton Connect Ltd.*

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Day 2: National Gathering**

*Keynote Speaker: **Rev. Dr Joel Edwards CBE**, a writer, coach, Bible teacher and international inspirational speaker.*

*Closing speaker: **Revd Dr Kate Coleman**, founding director of Next Leadership, a mentor and coach to leaders from diverse sectors, backgrounds and communities.*

*This event will bring together people from all areas of Street Pastors. You are invited to be there!*

- **Bookings are via Eventbrite... [click here](#) to book,**

*It is going to be a great time of coming together as a worldwide network. As we steadily move out of lockdown and press deeper into what God has put into our hands, I'm trusting that as we gather together around this theme of encouragement, God will meet and bless us all.*

## Data Update

It is important that we keep our data up to date to ensure we can keep in touch. Could you email Lorna ([admin@gsp.scot](mailto:admin@gsp.scot)) if you change your mobile number, home address or email address? Thank you.

## PVG Online Application Process

I am pleased to tell you that there is a new, streamlined process for PVG applications. You may recall receiving an email telling you that GSP is now registered for PVG applications for our regulated work with adults. Moving forward all current SPs will be asked to complete a PVG for adults. You will receive details by email from Lorna as we roll out the process for GSP.



## Kilt Walk 23 - 25 April 2021

Kilt walkers are signing up in support of their chosen charity. Is this something for you in aid of GSP? The Kilt Walk is not the traditional event of previous years but has flexibility of activity for the participants. Remaining the same is the addition of 50% of what is raised by the Tom Hunter Foundation.

## **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.**



**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: gift aid information is available from Willie.

([willie.henry@gsp.scot](mailto:willie.henry@gsp.scot))

Any 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
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Love and prayer for all the SP family,  
Linda

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### Context for prayer

- Last month, Stuart Crawford, the co-ordinator of Glasgow Street Pastors was taken into hospital with a dental abscess, and we asked you to pray for his recovery and for his general health. We are happy to report that he has now recovered and is at work.
- GSP plan to return to patrolling the streets in both the City Centre and the West End on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 May. Daytime patrols will be on the streets from 1pm-3pm each day and evening patrols will operate, initially, from 8:30-10:30pm In preparation for the resumption of the patrols, two one-hour Prayer Walks have been planned for the evenings of Friday 30 April and Saturday 1 May in both City Centre and West End. The plan is to have a maximum of 12 volunteers in the city centre and 6 in the west end each night walking in groups of 3 praying over the areas we patrol and pray for our city and its needs.
- The 2021 UK National Street Pastor Gathering is being held on Zoom on 22-24 July. This is a great opportunity for Street and Prayer Pastors countrywide to meet for fellowship and mutual encouragement.

### Please pray:

- Praise the Lord that Stuart has recovered from the dental abscess but keep praying that the Lord will continue to uphold him in his other health concerns and strengthen him for the work ahead. Pray also for the health of all Street Pastors as we prepare to return to patrol duty.
- For the Street Pastor teams as they return to the streets. Pray that sufficient people will be available to form both daytime and evening patrols and that the protocols we have worked out to ensure safety on the streets will operate well. Pray also for the situations that the Street Pastors will be meeting, some of which will be new. Pray that they will have wisdom and grace to deal with these situations. Pray also for the Prayer Walks on the weekend before we start patrolling, that these will help us to be in tune with the Spirit's leading and that He will pave the way for the new patrols.
- That the National Gathering will be well supported and that, in spite of the limitations of a "virtual" gathering, people will be able to participate and be blessed as they worship and pray together and learn of current and proposed developments within the Street Pastor family.