

A very *Happy New Year* from everyone at Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy!

24<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### **Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy Newsletter**

#### **Street Angels**

Our Street Angels are out on these nights over the following weeks: Fri 27<sup>th</sup> & Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, Fri 24<sup>th</sup> & Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

We'd love to expand our teams and offer more nights out so please think if this might be for you.



A team was out on New Year's Eve helping the revellers enjoy welcoming in the New Year.

#### **Chaplains**

We're adding to our Chaplaincy provision to AVDC, by exploring provision of a Chaplain to all who work at the Waste Depot, collecting rubbish around Aylesbury Vale for all the residents.



We've also welcomed Margaret back as she's well on the way to recovery following an operation in the autumn; she's one of our Town Centre Chaplains, particularly at Hale Leys, in the Market Square and the High Street.

#### **Changes to the Trustee Board**

Our Chair, Revd Canon Andrew Blyth will be leaving Aylesbury in the spring. He's been appointed Team Rector at Trinity Church, Cheltenham and we wish him, Nicki and the family all our best wishes as they prepare to leave us in April.

Andrew was one of the founding trustees of the Chaplaincy and extremely instrumental in setting up a Town Chaplaincy here in Aylesbury, so a huge thank you from all of us for all he has given to us. Over the next few weeks 2 new trustees will be joining the Board: we look forward to welcoming Revd Martin Kuhrt (Church of the Holy Spirit, Bedgrove) who rejoins the Board, and Paul Hulcoop

(from Southcourt Baptist Church and one of our Street Angels for the past 4 years).

### **Healing On The Streets**

Last year we were asked by our friends at Aylesbury Vineyard if we would consider becoming the 'umbrella' organisation to take over the leadership and oversight of Healing On The Streets in Aylesbury. After prayer and discussion, the trustees agreed; this is another 'out there', cross-church ministry and is appreciated and supported by our existing partners in the Town Centre Manager's office (and it's a similar setup in Luton Town Centre Chaplaincy). The day-to-day operation of this work will remain as is, with Sue Fox a wonderful team leader/co-ordinator for the H.O.T.S. team. The team will be out once a month as usual; next time Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017.



### **Prayer support**

Currently Ali Datson is our co-ordinator for prayer requests. She issues an update with recent prayer requests to all our prayer supporters approximately once a week. After many years of doing a really great job, she is looking to hand this over to someone else. If you are interested, please contact the Chaplaincy office.

### **JOIN IN**

All our work is done from and on behalf of the churches of Aylesbury. It is an expression of our wish to be church 'out there', joining in with what God is doing out in our town, and can only continue where churches and church members join in.

**In prayer:** Become a prayer partner – contact the office.

**By volunteering:** contact Mark or Catherine to find out more or see the website [www.aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk](http://www.aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk)

**By becoming a Friend:** contact the office or see more details at [www.aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk](http://www.aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk)

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**Financially:** please get in touch via our office or the website or using the MakeADonation website [www.make-a-donation.org/charity/aylesbury-town-chaplaincy](http://www.make-a-donation.org/charity/aylesbury-town-chaplaincy)

**Listen:** Please let us know if you'd like us to speak at an event or meeting at your church.

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**PRAYER UPDATE (FEBRUARY)**

- Pray for all our Chaplains, the places they serve and all those they meet; Margaret, Mark and Marlene in the town centre; Judith at the Healthy Living Centre, Mark at the Police Station, Edna at Morrisons, Adebola at Bucks County Council; and Steve & Melody at Aylesbury Vale District Council.
- Pray for all our Street Angels who are out on either a Friday or a Saturday night helping those out in the town centre in practical ways over the next few months.
- Please pray this month in particular for our Chaplaincy in retail situations; we have chaplains in the town centre shopping centres (Friars Square & Hale Leys), the market and the High St, as well as in Morrisons.
- Each month we'll focus our prayers to individuals associated with the Chaplaincy; please pray this month for: Mark K (lead chaplain), Lisa & Catherine (both Street Angels)
- Some particular recent prayer requests:
  - For all those sleeping rough or in danger of homelessness. Thank God for the help being provided through Aylesbury Homeless Action Group and others.
  - For D suffering from cancer and for all his family supporting him through this
  - For G with health, financial and housing troubles
  - A family to keep accepting help with parenting, and the older generation supporting children going through this
  - For the trustees as they look at 2017's financial position and budget setting for the year

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Angels*