



### Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy Newsletter

Hello everyone

Another milestone today in the easing of lockdown restrictions; although with a large amount of caution from government and experts.

Since we last wrote we are pleased to say that gradually more of our work is opening up too; we regularly have Chaplains in the town centre, and from this Friday Street Angels will be out again in the town in the evenings at weekends.

We are also being welcomed back by some of our placements; with Chaplains at Aylesbury Court and Bucks New University Campus Aylesbury starting up again over the next few weeks, and Mark already returned to visiting Aylesbury Police Station.

We are still looking for new volunteers as things open up and the need for a friendly, listening ear will be more and more apparent as people begin to emerge. Do consider whether this is for you or for someone you know, or if you'd like to find out more please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you as ever, Catherine

### **Volunteer News**

We are continuing to hold volunteer update meetings fortnightly where we have the opportunity to catch up and pray for one another.

**New Recruit** A new Street Angel, Helen (a member of Southcourt Baptist Church), has recently joined us. Welcome Helen.

## Latest news

Although we've tentatively started work again, we are still able to offer a 'phone conversation with a Chaplain if someone wishes – please contact [office@aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk](mailto:office@aylesburytownchaplaincy.co.uk) with name and contact number if interested.

From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 our part-time staff have taken a reduced salary to reflect the reduction in some aspects of their work during this time.

### **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CHAPLAINCY & 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

**By becoming a Friend:** contact the office or see more details on our website

**Follow us on Twitter:** @AylesburySA



**Financially:** please get in touch via our office or the website or using the Golden Giving website <https://www.goldengiving.com/wall/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 (MAY/JUN 2021)

#### **Monthly focus for April/May**

- Our May focus is on our umbrella network, CNI – Christian Nighttime Initiatives; please pray for Paul who heads this up and has been so positive & supportive to projects throughout this past difficult year even though his usual extremely busy programme of talks, visits to projects across the country (& even abroad) and Festival Angels has dried up completely.
- Our June focus is about approaching the summer period, exams, assessments and planning for next steps. We also think of our Healing On The Streets team; they have not been able to be out since February 2020. Pray for all of those volunteers and that we will be able to plan for a safe return later this year.
- Each month we'll focus our prayers to individuals associated with the Chaplaincy; please pray this month for: Suzanne(Street Angel) and David A(Chaplain)

#### **Other recent prayer requests**

- Pray for all those who remain nervous of going out and about even as the country opens up a bit.
- Pray for the family, friends and work colleagues of the Canal & River Trust employee who was sadly murdered while doing his work on the towpath in Broughton.
- Please pray for L and the family as they face life-threatening times
- Give thanks that we have heard that someone we prayed for before is now much improved
- For K suffering with feelings of confusion & anxiety
- For S that life will be transformed
- For J missing family abroad so much
- For N & her family as they wait for her to receive inpatient treatment; pray that she will be protected by God & that He will minister to the deep needs and bring peace.
- For businesses who have re-opened this week; indoor hospitality, exercise classes, cinemas, theatres etc – pray as the owners & staff take this next step – against the anxiety some may be feeling. Pray that everyone will behave responsibly and sensibly as restrictions on meeting with others indoors are lifted.