



13th September 2021

Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy Newsletter

Hello everyone

It really feels like autumn is on its way now, doesn't it?

We are becoming busier as the weeks go on; Street Angel teams are out as much as we can manage, Chaplains are in the town centre, Morrisons, the Courts, the Police Station and soon to be at the Aylesbury campuses of both Bucks New University & Buckinghamshire College Group; plus on Saturday 4th September Healing On The Streets returned to Aylesbury for the first time in 18 months.

We could do so much more and help, support and encourage so many more people if our volunteer base increased; we are very much the church of Aylesbury out on the streets and started when the churches of the town saw how being out amongst people as Chaplains and Street Angels could have such an impact on a local community by looking at other towns.

Please think about whether you or your church members would like to join in with this and get in touch to find out more.

Thank you as ever, Catherine

Volunteer News

We are continuing to hold volunteer update meetings fortnightly on zoom where we have the opportunity to catch up and pray for one another, as well as holding regular meetings with individual volunteers in person now, or via zoom.

We've recently revised our guidance in line with current Government guidance for safe working while Covid-19 is still in the community. We want to ensure all our volunteers and those they meet feel safe & comfortable interacting with each other.

Latest news

From 1st May 2020 our part-time staff have taken a reduced salary to reflect the reduction in some aspects of their work during this time. Matthew Barber, the Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley visited us and met with our Lead Chaplain, Mark (pictured right) and Ken (one of our town centre Chaplains), to find out about our work; his office have previously awarded us grants towards running costs and he expressed appreciation of our work in Aylesbury.



We have been awarded a grant of £2000 from the Rothschild Foundation towards our work.

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

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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 (SEP/OCT 2021)

Monthly focus for September/October

- Our September focus is Chaplaincy at Aylesbury College & Bucks New University Aylesbury Campus. Please pray for Kane & Marlene, the respective Chaplains. And especially pray for the staff, existing & prospective students as they have navigated the past 18 months and prepare for the new academic year.
- Our October focus is around our future planning for the organisation; during the autumn we put together our plans for next year; please do pray for the trustees and the staff team as they take vital decisions about our next few years, new plans and ways to make our organisation sustainable for the future.
- Each month we'll focus our prayers to individuals associated with the Chaplaincy; please pray this month for: our trustees (Andrew, Colin, David & Doug), and Ken (volunteer Town Chaplain)

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Other recent prayer requests

- For new volunteers to come forward as Chaplains & Street Angels so that we can continue to support the people of Aylesbury
- For Sue & the Healing On The Streets team as they prepare for their first shift since February 2020
- For J and family as they support and care for a close relative; pray for peace, strength and the awareness of God's love and care for them all
- For C to know God's healing power
- Pray for the various people our Chaplains have met who are starting university this week
- For J to receive healing from PTSD
- For G to make a full recovery
- For M and M both undergoing treatment currently for different conditions; for successful treatment and full and rapid recoveries.