



11th October 2021

Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy Newsletter

Hello everyone

As life continues to return to a bit more like 'normal', our work is more welcome & needed than ever; we are finding more and more people sharing their worries, concerns and aspirations, and would love for Street Angels to be out every weekend. If you'd like us to come along to a service or one of your groups to talk about what we do and how people can get involved please do ask.

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.

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.

Our first 'in-person' talk to a group was held in September. Mark was welcomed to the Aston Clinton Ladies' Group to speak about the Chaplaincy. He had a great welcome, and all there were really interested to hear about what we do.

Mark chaired the first 'in-person' IAG meeting for over 12 months. The Independent Advisory Groups are a way of the local police forces working with the diverse communities they serve – gain trust, work co-operatively, and for local communities concerns to be heard and addressed. More information about IAGs in the Thames Valley area is [here](#)

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/police-forces/thames-valley-police/areas/au/about-us/partnerships-sponsors/what-is-an-iag/>



Catherine attended the CNI (Christian Night-life Initiatives) AGM via Zoom. This is the national umbrella organisation for Street Angels and other expressions of ministry in the night-time in particular, such as Safe Spaces, Club Angels as well as Festival Angels. It was interesting to hear about the national picture as some projects struggle to start up again, others are going strong. We also heard about the experience of Festival Angels who were at Leeds Festival in August.

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 (NOV 2021)

Monthly focus for September/October

- 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.
- Our November focus is for Chaplaincy in our local authority; we previously had a Chaplain at Aylesbury Vale District Council, and would love to support the Buckinghamshire Council in this way. Please pray that we will be able to recruit a Chaplain to serve this population, and pray for all in local authorities working for their community.
- In November we also pray for the beginning of plans for Christmas activities; in communities, in churches and by individuals.
- Each month we'll focus our prayers to individuals associated with the Chaplaincy; please pray this month for: Colin (one of our trustees), Kane (Chaplain to Aylesbury College Campus) & Graham (Street Angel)

Other recent prayer requests

- For J to be open to receive all they need and all God wants to give them
- For S & B that their lives can be transformed by God
- For M waiting for various treatments & tests; that the appointments made will not be cancelled & that progress will be made
- For M waiting for diagnosis
- For J that the meeting last week had a positive outcome
- For another J that their mind will be healed and they can cope with the challenges of life
- For another J and family, mourning the loss of a dear family member in the preparations for a funeral and other practical activities which need to take place