



14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy Newsletter

Hello everyone

As we approach the end of another strange, and in some ways difficult year may all of us involved with the Chaplaincy - trustees, staff, Chaplains, Street Angels & HOTS team – say a huge Thank You for your continued support; in prayer, financially, through invitations to speak, through encouraging our volunteers who are part of your church family and in so many other ways. We wish you all a joyful, peaceful and safe Christmas and a fruitful 2022.

Thank you as ever, Catherine

### **Latest news.**

#### **Chaplains**

Our Chaplains are out and about; one or two placements have stopped physical visits for now in light of the latest government announcements, but support is still being given by 'phone. Otherwise there are amazing connections being built between those they meet and our Chaplains – people sharing their lives & their fears & their hopes.

#### **Street Angels**

At present we are able to cover a minimum of 3 nights (either Friday or Saturday) each month; the town has been becoming busier with pubs & clubs open and out teams are now back to being out later (til 3/3.30am). We are yet to see the full impact on this aspect of our work following latest plans and announcements by the government

#### **Healing On The Streets**

The team will next be out on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

## Volunteers

In all aspects of our work we find that we could do more if we were able to have more volunteers. Within your churches and your small groups please do pray for more volunteers for us. Please talk to those you know who are already volunteering with us and think about it this is something for you to find out more about.

## Bank Account

The process to transfer our account from HSBC to MetroBank has now completed. We are seeing donations coming through to the new account so all the necessary changes seem to have been made in the background. However, if you notice any issues please do get in touch.

## Staff News

We will be taking a break between Christmas & New Year.

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 (DEC 2021/JAN 2022)**

#### **Monthly focus for December/January**

- Our December focus is for Christmas activities; in communities, in churches and by individuals.
- In January we pray for the coming New Year. The renewed focus of our work and for any changes which may be coming along, planned or unplanned. Please pray for staff and trustees as we lead the organisation into 2022.
- Each month we'll focus our prayers to individuals associated with the Chaplaincy; please pray this month for: Doug Zimmerman (trustee), David (another trustee and also a Street Angel), and Melissa (our Chaplain in Friars Square & Morrisons)

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

- For those who find the Christmas/New Year period difficult; for those struggling with uncertainty around plans and meeting/seeing family which news about Covid strain has brought.
- For all of those working and connected with the NHS – pray that somehow they will be able to rest and refresh.
- For C to find the care that is needed
- Pray for those working in shops & businesses where it is difficult to recruit new staff and the staff who are there are under increasing stress – especially P and N.
- For M who was recently bereaved
- For those maybe considering finding out more about our faith after getting to know Chaplains, Street Angels or visiting the HOTS team. Pray that the next steps to find out more will be straightforward and they will find welcome at any church they may attend over the Christmas period.