

# Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy Newsletter

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**You too can be a Street Angel** **Your town needs you!**

Yes, we are recruiting again for Street Angels. Have you considered working in your community in this very special way. As well as adding more people to our existing teams working on Friday and Saturday nights each weekend, we are hoping to extend our activities to Monday nights as well. Monday - 'student night', sees young people from the university and other colleges coming in to town to enjoy themselves. Would you like to be part of a team of Street Angels on one of these nights each month?



Teams of volunteers provide a listening ear as well as practical support for anyone in need in Guildford town centre. This may be the result of homelessness, excessive drinking, drug abuse or any other issue which has caused personal distress or the potential for physical harm.



If you share our values of **selflessness and being non-judgmental, integrity, honesty, professionalism, collaboration and excellence**, and want to make a difference to our town, we would like to meet you. Street Angels commit to volunteer for 1 night per month and to 6 training sessions before they start. Training and support are ongoing.

If you are interested in joining the Street Angels team, an application pack is available from:

**Lin Haynes, Street Angels Coordinator – 07717 876853**  
or at [lin.haynes@gtcc.org.uk](mailto:lin.haynes@gtcc.org.uk)



## He Came – He Climbed – He Dropped



Town Centre Chaplain, Rod Boreham, finally took the plunge and abseiled down the Cathedral Tower on 11 June to raise money for Street Angels and the Town Centre Chaplaincy. On a warm and sunny day, he did not look before he leaped, probably just as well, and managed to reach the bottom in one piece. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored Rod, enabling him to raise the princely sum of £2,200 and still counting.

## Volunteer Chaplains at a Workplace near You!

In recent weeks, seven volunteer chaplains have completed their training and are now ready to embark on their work. They will provide a listening ear for people according to their need, and hopefully enhance a sense of well-being for individuals and the organisation they work for.

Each one of these chaplains will be assigned to a specific area of the town work environment, so look out for them in their easily recognisable fleeces and polo shirts. Say hello to them, introduce yourself, and if you give them as warm a welcome as you have done Rod Boreham, the Town Centre Chaplain, they will feel very welcome indeed. They will be providing pastoral care and support for anyone who would appreciate their help and are there for everyone - people of all faiths and none.

## Walk of Witness



On Good Friday Street Angels joined several hundred other people in the annual Walk of Witness that takes place in Guildford. The walk starts outside 'New Look' in Friary Passage, and then proceeds to Tunsgate and finally to the steps of Holy Trinity Church. At each of these locations there is time for traditional Easter songs and a short meditation. This year was also enhanced by the presence of the exuberant and excellent choir from the Upper Room Ministries.



Heather Dillon and Julia Evans both undertook long walks under the Just Walk initiative to raise money for Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy. Between them they raised well over a thousand pounds – with more still coming in - and we are very grateful for their efforts. Well done Heather and Julia!

## HUGE Thanks

A very big thank you to McDonalds who have generously offered our Street Angels food and drink on the nights they are out on duty free of charge. Also to 'Five and Lime' who regularly offer hot or cold drinks when Angels stop by and chat to the door staff.

But we don't need refreshments to enjoy doing what we do. It is always a pleasure to meet up with the door staff and the managers of the different pubs and clubs and get to know them more as we regularly meet them. They have a sometimes challenging job to do handling difficult and occasionally abusive customers and they are very thoroughly trained and professional at what they do.

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## Help Save Our Environment and Raise Money by Recycling!

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We are currently raising funds for **Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy** by recycling old mobile phones, inkjet cartridges and laser/toner cartridges and your help would be greatly appreciated.

The Chaplaincy will receive **50%** of the recycling value for any mobile phones, **£1** for each original empty inkjet cartridge or up to **£5** per empty laser/toner cartridge donated kindly by your business/organisation, friends, family or colleagues. If you would like to donate these kind of items to us, please contact **Lin Haynes, Street Angels Coordinator – 07717 876853** or at [lin.haynes@gtcc.org.uk](mailto:lin.haynes@gtcc.org.uk)

If you think this is a good idea and want to help promote our recycling campaign further why not forward this information to anyone you know.

Thanks for taking the time to help us and the environment, your support is always appreciated.

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### Wristbands

Street Angel wristbands are now available in blue and yellow with the wording 'I Support Street Angels'. They are on sale for only £1 each. They are available at the Chaplaincy Offices in Tunsgate Square, or from the Tourist Information Office in the High Street. Alternatively you can contact **Lin Haynes, Street Angels Coordinator – 07717 876853** or at [lin.haynes@gtcc.org.uk](mailto:lin.haynes@gtcc.org.uk) and see how you might obtain one.

Please support your local Street Angels by purchasing one for yourself, or maybe more for your friends and family. Wear our wristband with pride!

**I Support Street Angels**