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Prayer Guide

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The heart and vision of CNI (Christian Nightlife Initiatives) Network is:

#MakingCitystreetsLikeNewAgain

Part of this vision is prayer and this Lent Prayer Guide is a resource for those who volunteer within the CNI Network family of local projects along with partners, friends, churches and others.

CNI Network also believe that prayer and action go hand in hand and so this guide includes our #Do1NiceThing campaign. These are simple ideas that encourage you to #Do1NiceThing each and every day in Lent to help invest in the lives of others or your wider community.

For more information on the work of CNI Network and our family of local projects check out:

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#Do1NiceThing Week 1

#Do1NiceThing

#Do1NiceThing is about loving the person in front of you - serving others and the wider community - kindness. It is about being the change, making positive steps to make life better for others (and yourself in the process!). The ideas are generally very simple and require not much thought or pre-planning. If you don't like one of the ideas, do something else!

6th March - Engage in conversation with the people who serve you (e.g. shopkeepers)

7th March - Say thank you to someone as they work and say how much you appreciate them

8th March - Call in on an elderly neighbour - take some cake, have a cup of tea and a chat

9th March - Shop locally and support local farmers, local veg growers and local shops

10th March - Show some love to your neighbourhood and pick up litter (please wear gloves and use a strong bag) or see if there is anything more you can recycle at home

#LoveThePersonInFrontOfYou

Ash Wednesday 6th March 2019

Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of forty days (not including Sundays) in the lead up to Good Friday and Easter. For a lot of people Lent is a mystery. Many folks are generally aware that it's a religious observance that happens every spring and somehow involves people getting ashes smeared on their forehead and/or giving up chocolate or booze or Facebook until Easter.

The concept behind Lent is that each year, Christians will mimic Jesus's actions in the wilderness. Lent is sometimes called the "Great Fast." It's a period of time in which Christians are meant to give up some comfort or adopt some spiritual practice that leads to self-examination, repentance from sin, and, ultimately, renewal of the soul, all in anticipation of greater dedication to serving others and God in the coming year.

Tony Robinson
Bishop of Wakefield and Patron of CNI Network

Thursday 7th March 2019

Pray for our local projects in Scotland: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact

Dundee R.O.C.K. Street Chaplains

- City Centre
- Broughtyferry
- Carnoustie

Dundee Club and Pub Chaplains (various across the city centre)

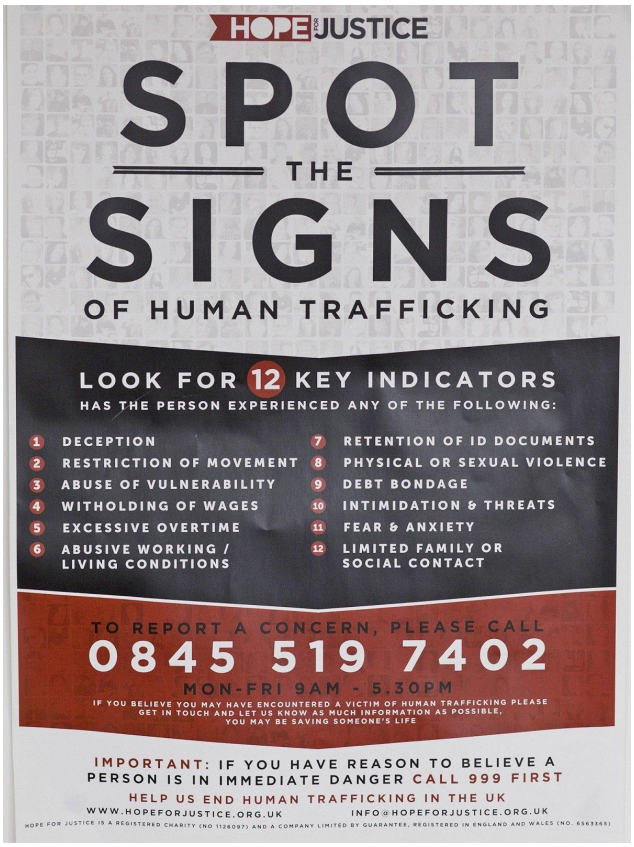
Edinburgh Festival Chaplains (August weekends)

Montrose Festival Chaplains

Night Ministry Scotland (Dundee)

Friday 8th March 2019

Pray for those affected by human trafficking especially those we may meet within our night-time patrols. Pray for organisations who are working to rescue people who are trafficked - for safety and wisdom. Pray for those subjected to modern day slavery and forced labour. Pray that all will see the value that every human being has - a person who God created and loves, a person who has worth and value. Pray people will see each other as worthy of unconditional love.



Saturday 9th March 2019

Pray for our links with the media. Our local projects have received excellent coverage over the years from national, regional and local TV, radio, newspapers and magazines. Pray for more opportunities to share our good news stories of social and community transformation. Pray for Christians who work in the media. Pray for the Christian media who we continue to have great links with including Premier, UCB, Trans-World Radio, Inspire, Sorted and Liberti magazine. Pray for creativity in producing media releases that receive coverage.

Scenes of comedy and carnage

Newcastle

CONCERN: Team with slumped revellers

Angels watching over victims of festive spirit

EXCLUSIVE

From Antonia Paget in Leeds

IT is after midnight on a chilly December night and thousands of drunken revellers are marking the start of the Christmas holiday period.

This is the second of the Mad Fridays or Black Eye Fridays – the last weekends before Christmas – and the busiest nights of the year in Leeds city centre. People are slumped over, unable to make their own way home, some vomiting.

And as government cuts leave emergency services overstretched, it falls to eight volunteers to patrol the streets and look after the most vulnerable people falling out of the clubs and bars – the Leeds Street Angels.

Volunteer Jon Grayson, 41, a local man, said: "Being out with the Street Angels on Mad Friday is the busiest night of the year. My first outing three years ago was on a Mad Friday. I was given the nickname Ambulance Angel because for the first nine months I helped someone into an ambulance every night."

Tonight is no different. A woman has broken her ankle and her bone is protruding through the skin as she lies opposite the Corn Exchange.

Pain

The Street Angels hand bandages and a foil blanket to her friends, who claim to be trainee nurses. An ambulance arrives and the woman is treated. Volunteer Stuart Robertshaw, 52, said: "That was the worst injury I have seen in six years.

"She was in pain but very inebriated so that acted as a bit of an anaesthetic."

The week before – the first of 2017's two Mad Fridays – the team helped a man who'd cut his head open in a fall. Volunteer Lee Jackson, 47, said: "He hit his head on the kerb and there was blood pouring out of a gash near his right eye."

The teams are alerted to cases via their radios, linked to West Yorkshire Police, the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, club bouncers and city centre CCTV hub Leeds Watch.

PATROL: Volunteers checking on clubgoers

Lee, who works as a motivational speaker, said: "The bouncers have to stay on the door. The ambulance could be 20 minutes. We're the stopgap in the middle where we can save someone's life."

There are over 130 Street Angels projects in the UK. The group, part of the Christian Nightlife Initiative, also runs schemes in Spain and the Seychelles, and is soon to launch in the US.

Violent

Founded by Paul Blakey and wife Jean, 38, in Halifax in 2005, Street Angels is credited with reducing violent crime and helping thousands of clubbers get home safely. Paul, 43, said: "We deal more with vulnerability and incidents that police wouldn't want to spend time involved in.

"In any town or city centre when it's busy we're part of a family helping the emergency services cope with the cuts."

Going out every Friday and every Two Saturdays since they started in 2012, the Leeds Street Angels have helped pull a drunk out of a freezing canal, foiled robberies and stopped women being taken off by men claiming to be their partners. "They save lives," says bouncer Francisco Gomez, 26, at Brooklyn Bar.

Volunteers get basic medical training, know how to treat acid attacks and have been taught what to do in a terror strike by the North East Counter Terrorism Unit.

One Street Angels team helps a young woman collapsed outside a McDonald's. It takes three of them to hold her up as she slips in and out of consciousness between throwing up. She does not want to be helped and swears at them.

But after 25 minutes of encouraging her to drink water, calling her boyfriend and stopping her running into oncoming traffic, they get her into her partner's car.

Lee said: "One of the most frustrating things is when people are drunk they don't think they need help."

By 3am the streets are quiet and they decide to call it a night.

Lee added: "We don't do the job for people saying thank you. We do it because we know it makes a difference."

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STREET ANGELS

ANGELS

HEAD TO THE STREETS, FESTIVALS AND CLUBS

BY PAUL BLAKEY MBE

Every weekend hundreds of people head into town and city centres. These people are not there to have a drink or spend the night clubbing but rather become Angels to help others have a safe and fun night out.

Street Angels was launched in Halifax, West Yorkshire in 2005. The town had the reputation of being the wild West of West Yorkshire as between 8 and 12,000 people would visit the town on weekend evenings. Coach trips and visiting football fans, attracted by cheap booze and more pubs and clubs than any other town of its size, sadly meant that violence, binge drinking, sexual assaults and under-age drinking were commonplace.

Wandering round the town to see the problems for himself, Paul Blakey remembers, "My wife and I observed many horrendous incidents in the town centre. Police were struggling to control fights; we found pools of blood and vomit; people were passed out in the gutter and there were things happening in alleyways we would rather not have seen. As Christians we thought our town deserved better and we felt called to make a lasting difference. This led to the idea of a café being opened in the town, which was run by the YMCA and Churches Together, as a safe place drop-in."

Meeting the police a few weeks later, Paul shared the idea and the town centre police sergeant, Dave Apsee, became excited. Several agencies had talked about the problems. TV crews and local newspapers had sensationalised the issues. Paul explained, "If we were prepared to do rather than talk, the police were keen to work with us. Dave then asked if we could launch in two weeks' time, Friday 25 November 2005, to tie in with the change in the licensing laws. We said yes – Christmas not being that busy a time for Christians!"

Emails were sent to churches, and a front page headline in the local paper said 'Drop by if you are drunk' (not quite the expected tone). Paul commented, "On that first Friday, if we are honest, not having a clue what we were doing or what to expect, we were amazed when 50 people turned up to volunteer. [There were] far too many to sit waiting to help people in our small café, so we took flight to the streets and Street Angels was born: safe people who would patrol the town (on day two onwards in fluorescent yellow jackets) and [we would] offer a safe place drop-in on Friday and Saturdays between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m."

It worked. In the first 12 months violent crime in the town centre reduced by 42%. The Home Office carried out an in-depth study as to why Halifax police had lied about how bad the town was - they worked out they hadn't, and put the amazing change down to the police being willing to work in partnership and people who cared out on the streets of the town centre helping others at a time when it was most needed. →

"In the first 12 months violent crime in the town centre reduced by 42%."

Sorted, Nov/Dec 2017

Street Angels

The peacemakers on our streets

Sandra Smith meets the Aylesbury volunteers trained to help ensure everyone out for a night of town centre fun has just that - and heads home safely

PHOTOS: PETER RYAN

IF there's one thing on the minds of those revellers spending their evenings in Aylesbury town centre it's having a good time; and suitably glamorous clothes, influenced by fashion rather than the elements, reflect a party atmosphere where the focus is on fun via the wide range of nightlife.

And that's what happens, for the majority, most of the time. But occasionally, well, let's just say plans sometimes go awry. Perhaps slight alcohol over-indulgence, or inadvertently splitting up from friends, even emotional overload may have a negative impact, and when this happens, a group of volunteers is on hand.

Mark Knight, Pastor at nearby Vineyard Church, heads Aylesbury Street Angels. Over the past few years his team, through practical help and a listening ear, has developed a positive relationship with the public, venue staff and authorities.

"We have a heart to see the town be a safe place," smiles Mark who is also Chaplain to the local police station. "Most of the time it's just people being worse for wear or perhaps they have become isolated. We babysit people, try to be mediators. All the time we're non judgemental. We're not peacekeepers but peacemakers."

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Sunday 10th March 2019

As the leader of a community engagement charity, ROC, I am often asked how prayer impacts and shapes community life. I am convinced that prayer plays a significant role in making communities safer, stronger and kinder places. Someone once said 'Prayer is a powerful first step' and this is certainly true in my experience. However the idea of prayer being followed by action is a powerful combination and we are seeing exciting examples of how this works around the UK.

The first phase of effective prayer is getting to know your community. Over the last 5 years we've developed a community engagement model, a ROC Conversation and have delivered over 160 in communities around the UK.

We invite people including volunteer groups, Police and Fire Services, churches, schools, Councillors and MPs. The evening provides key information to both inform prayers and direct action. Specific prayer leads to more effective results.

This Lent take time to get to know your community through prayer and action. Pray, believe and act towards your community becoming safer, stronger and kinder. Take time to thank and honour those people and groups who are already doing this.

Debra Green OBE

Founder / Executive Director Redeeming Our Communities (ROC)

#Do1NiceThing Week 2

11th March - Hold doors open for those behind you

12th March - Smile at people

13th March - Be a nice driver - spread road-calm!

14th March - Email / write to a local charity you think does a great work and thank them and those who volunteer

15th March - Take time to pray for your neighbours

16th March - Spread the niceness on Facebook and Twitter - compliment some of your friends

17th March - Set up a Blessing Bag - a bag of items you keep in your car that can be used to bless other people or a Blessing Box outside your church building - place in it a few items that will bless others

Monday 11th March 2019

Pray for CNI Network's Alcohol and Safety Education Resource and for local projects who visit schools and colleges to deliver this and to speak to young people about the work they carry out on weekend evenings. Pray for young people who drink - that they will drink responsibly and look out for friends. Pray for more opportunities for our local projects to visit schools and colleges.

Alcohol and Safety Education Resource

Aim: To give students the opportunity to explore alcohol and safety.

Tuesday 12th March 2019

Pray for our projects in North East England: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

Durham Street Lights

Guisborough NightLight

Hartlepool Town Pastors

Middlesbrough Boro Angels

Mighty Oaks Gateshead

Mighty Oaks Morpeth

South Tyneside Street Angels

Stockton Town Pastors

Redcar Beacons

Yarm Town Pastors

Wednesday 13th March 2019

Pray for those who are struggling in whatever way and for those organisations who seek to help and support. Pray for: homeless support and those supporting people away from homelessness such as Hope Into Action and Housing Justice; debt counselling such as Christians Against Poverty; addiction support; Acts 435 which puts people in need in touch with people who can help; foodbanks; projects helping with loneliness and isolation such as Linking Lives; children's and youth work; support in and beyond prison such as Clean Sheet; restorative justice; former military; asylum seekers and refugees; mental health / suicide support such as Andy's Man Club and Samaritans; and any local initiatives

Photo: Peter Ryan

Thursday 14th March 2019

During Lent thousands of messages will be preached in pulpits around the UK with varying levels of effectiveness. One thing is sure however is that people who engage with community become 'living epistles' or 'sermons on the streets' 2 Corinthians 3:1-3

Many churches will have the facility to augment their messages with stunning audio-visuals. However no technologically enhanced display can equal what took place on the Mount of Transfiguration. Where, as Jesus is speaking, Peter James and John, witnessed the appearance Moses and Elijah materialising before their eyes. The Bible says the clothes of Jesus shone brighter than any human effect could ever replicate. What a moment! What blessing!

Peter is so stunned that he wants to stay there indefinitely and suggests that three booths are built. However he soon realises that this was not a good idea. He was making the mistake that many of us make as Christians - that spirituality is about our blessing and the degree to which we are enjoying the spiritual moment. At the foot of that mountain, and away from the bright light, was a young demon-possessed boy in great need. Had they stayed to enjoy their blessing he would not have been reached or transformed. Of course there is nothing wrong in enjoying the blessing of God - we all need to be refreshed by it. However true spirituality is revealed in taking the glory from 'where it is' to 'where it isn't' - that action becoming the most effective sermon of all.

John Glass
General Superintendent, Elim (2000-2016)
Chair of Council Evangelical Alliance (2014-2018)

Friday 15th March 2019

Pray for every person who volunteers with the CNI Network family of local projects. Praise God for the impact they are making towards community change. Praise God for the talents and skills they bring to the teams and for the investment they make in the lives of individuals and wider places. Pray for more people to become volunteers and people who are #MakingTheDifference.

Saturday 16th March 2019

Pray for our SafeNightOut.party campaign that more and more people will have safe, fun and enjoyable nights out in our towns and cities. Pray that towns and cities will be increasingly safe places at night as crime and ASB reduces.

Sunday 17th March 2019 (St Patrick's Day)

Pray for local projects in Northern Ireland: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

Pray for all our local projects who will have a busy nights this weekend as people celebrate St Patrick's Day

Belfast Cathedral NightLight

Belfast Golden Mile NightLight

Belfast Odyssey NightLight

Cookstown Club Angels

Cookstown Street Angels

Larne NightLight

Lurgan Street Chaplains

Newcastle Street Chaplains

Portadown NightLight

Newtownards NightLight

North Belfast NightLight

#Do1NiceThing Week 3

18th March - Write a letter (or use social media) to a local emergency service and thank them for the work they do

19th March - Say hello to people

20th March - Look at joining or setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme

21st March - Spot ways of helping people and do it

22nd March - Go on a thankful walk - see all the positive things you can be thankful for in your neighbourhood

23rd March - Buy Fairtrade where you can today

24th March - Take a single person (elderly person, single mum...) out for Sunday lunch

“Stay on good terms with each other, held together by love. Be ready with a meal or a bed when it’s needed. Why, some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it! Regard prisoners as if you were in prison with them. Look on victims of abuse as if what happened to them had happened to you.” Hebrews 13

Monday 18th March 2019

Pray for #FaithAndPoliceTogether a partnership between CNI Network, ROC (Redeeming Our Communities) and Christian Police Association that is seeking to become a collaboration of faith based organisations who each have a long standing track record of working alongside Police and statutory bodies with outcomes that have helped towards wider community transformation within Police Related Priorities. Pray that we will inspire and resource more faith communities to work alongside the Police towards a better, kinder society.

Tuesday 19th March 2019

Pray for those on the South Coast and in the South West: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

Arun Angels

Big Church Day Out South, Sussex - Festival Angels Welfare team

Boardmasters Festival Angels

Boscombe Angels, Boscombe, Bournemouth

Bournemouth Church for the Night

Chichester City Angels

Community Angels, North Bournemouth

Exmouth Open Door Night Shift

Littlehampton Street Angels (linked from Arun Angels)

Looe Music Festival Angels

Marlborough Mop Fair Street Angels

Perranporth Tunes In The Dunes Festival Angels

Portsmouth Club Angels

Teignmouth and Dawlish Nightshift

Wednesday 20th March 2019

Pray for our Jesus Loves Clubbers and Jesus Loves Festivals designs. These are used to show that Jesus loves people and is for people! The designs start discussions and prompt conversation. Thousands of copies of 'Jesus Loves...' Mark's Gospel have been distributed over the years helping people connect with the Jesus story. Pray for all who have and will receive one and that people we meet and help recognise and accept that they are amazing, unique and loved!

Thursday 21st March 2019

Pray for the work and impact of the local church. Pray that local church communities will be increasingly seen as places of hope, love and faith. Pray for Churches Together both nationally (Churches Together in England and Churches Together in Britain and Ireland) and locally. Pray for organisations that seek to strengthen the arm of the local church such as HOPE, Cinnamon Network, TLG, Billy Graham Rapid Response Team, Faith in Society and the Mothers' Union. Pray for those who lead denominations, streams and networks. Thank God for the way the church has stepped up to bring life and change to communities around the world. Pray for every church family who support our local teams.

Friday 22nd March 2019

Pray for our Club Angels teams as they hang out inside club venues to 'chat, help, listen, care and prayer'. Pray for Third Space Ministries who coordinate Club Angels in London and for the work they do around Love All Serve All at Wimbledon Tennis Championships in July, with 24/7 Prayer in Ibiza and ministry amongst DJ's. Pray for the club staff who the Club Angels teams connect with as well as clubbers who they help and meet.

Saturday 23rd March 2019

Pray for those who work within the night-time economy - emergency services, door staff, pub and club workers and managers, promotions teams, fast food providers, taxi drivers, street cleaning teams, pub and club cleaners, etc.

Sunday 24th March 2019

10 times in the bible we are instructed to 'love your neighbour'. But who is your neighbour, and just how do you love them? The answers to these questions can be many a varied. However, in the truest sense, our neighbour is the person we find ourselves alongside. That is usually the person who lives in the house next door. You may not be having BBQs over the fence, but generally we all seem to get on. But, what about the person you sit next to at work, or the person who you see day in day out on the bus or train to work or about your daily business, or even the people you stand alongside at the supermarket check out? They too are your neighbour. How well do you know them? More importantly, how can you love them? In the bible, John's gospel says

'everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another'

Love can be shown in many ways, a word in season, a random act of kindness, a simple gift to say thank you. Let's make sure that today (and every day), all who meet us see the love of Christ in the way we act.

Martin Rowley
Chair of Trustees - CNI Network

#Do1NiceThing Week 4

25th March - Consider investing some time volunteering - could you give 24 hours over the next year?

26th March - Commit to collect used stamps for The Leprosy Mission or other charity

27th March - Catch a bus (#Do1NiceThing for the environment) and say thank you to the bus driver

28th March - Give a drink to a homeless person or take part in 'Suspended Coffee'

29th March - Email / write to your MP and say thank you for representing you and that you are praying for them

30th March - Take a prayer walk round your neighbourhood and pray for needs

Mothering Sunday 31st March - Take some flowers to mothers and grandmas on your street

Monday 25th March 2019

Pray for our International local projects: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

Australia - Townsville Street Chaplains

Brasil - Uberlandia (during carnival season)

Majorca - Street Angels

Spain - Beach Mission - Lloret de Mar and Blanes (and Netherlands)

Seychelles - Sesel Paster Lannwit (Night Pastors)

Tenerife - The Living Room

USA - Mighty Oaks Aurora Colorado

USA - Street Angels Wilmington, North Carolina

Tuesday 26th March 2019

Pray for the work of Time for God who provide volunteering opportunities for mainly young people from around the world working with churches and Christian organisations mainly in the UK. Each year Time for God host over 100 volunteers who, over the last five years, have represented over 35 countries. Pray for each person who is volunteering in 2018 - those already based here and those who will be arriving in September. Pray for those who are hosting these placements. Many of the volunteers also serve on our street, club or festival teams and each year Paul shares the CNI Network story at the January Time for God conference.

Wednesday 27th March 2019

Pray for local projects in the East of England: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

Norfolk Street Partnership

Norfolk Street Presence

Thanet Community Pastors

- Broadstairs
- Margate
- Ramsgate

Thursday 28th March 2019

Pray for Big Church Day Out held every May Spring Bank Holiday Weekend. CNI Network head up the Festival Angels welfare team with volunteers from Street Angels and Street Pastor projects. Pray for great weather, for those who attend, those who volunteer and for the team who coordinate and plan this event.

Friday 29th March 2019

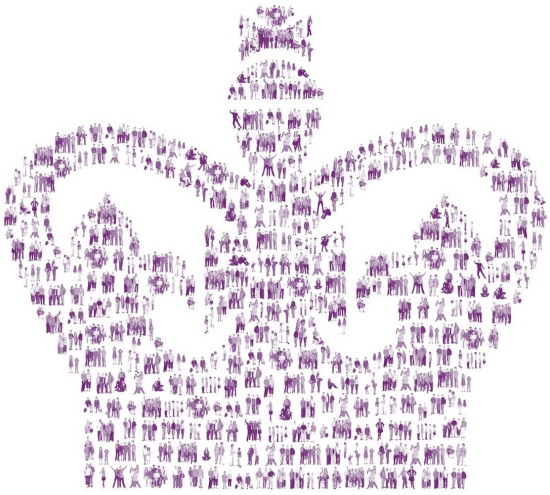
Pray for Purple Flag which showcases that a town or city centre has a safe and vibrant night-time economy. There are over 70 Purple Flag towns and cities in the UK and having a street patrol and / or safe place drop-in helps with wellbeing and safety and helps create a place where more people want to visit. Pray for those teams who are part of Purple Flag locally. Pray for an increase in towns and cities looking at raising the standard to help achieve this award. Pray for an increase in the offer of places at night, alongside pubs and clubs to help encourage more visitors (eg restaurants, coffee / cocktail bars, theatre, cinema, leisure facilities, late night openings for museums, light-nights, etc).

purple flag™

for a better night out

Saturday 30th March 2019

Pray for all voluntary and charity organisations. Praise God for the amazing work they do in bringing change at the heart of communities. Paul is one of the assessors for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Services as part of CNI Network's commitment to the wider voluntary family - pray for all those voluntary organisations who have received this award (including Guildford Street Angels). Pray for organisations who speak on behalf of the voluntary / charity sector.



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The MBE for volunteer groups

Sunday 31st March 2019 (Clocks Go Back / Mothering Sunday)

Today as we celebrate our mothers, let's give thanks for the strong women who have poured their lives into us. When I am asked why I work in politics, I remember the godly women in my childhood church who took me under their wing, poured their wisdom and passion into me, and help me to forge a life filled with God's purpose. They walked alongside me on my political journey and are still cheering me on in this endeavour.

So my challenge for us on this Mothering Sunday is to open our eyes to the people around us. Who could we bring on this journey with us? Are there younger men and women who we could take under our wings and pour our lives into? This generation desperately needs Mothers and Fathers of the Faith who will pray for them, guide them and champion them into everything God has for them. This generation desperately needs you!

Thank God that He has called us to be Mothers and Fathers of the Faith. May He open our eyes to see and fill our hearts with courage to obey this call.

Louise Davies
Director - Christians on the Left

#Do1NiceThing Week 5

1st April - Buy seeds ready to create a wildlife garden (or tub or window box!)

2nd April - Look for ways to volunteer one hour of your time for someone else (look at StreetBank for ideas)

3rd April - E-Mail your local councillors and say thank you for what they do and offer to pray for them

4th April - Take time to discover some new tourist attraction in your area (eg wildlife park, play area, etc)

5th April - Give away a book you think is worth reading

6th April - Pay for the drink of the person behind you in a coffee shop

7th April - Write some inspirational messages on Post-It notes and randomly leave for people to find

Monday 1st April 2019

Pray for local projects in the South and London: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

Aldershot Town Centre Pastoral Team

Aylesbury Street Angels

Camberley Street Angels, Surrey

City of London Pastors

Clapham Junction Night Pastors

Fleet Town Centre Project

Guildford Street Angels

High Wycombe Street Angels

High Wycombe lap-dancing Chaplaincy

Hillingdon, Uxbridge Street Angels

Maidenhead Street Angels

Piccadilly Club Angels (Tiger Tiger)

Royal Ascot Street Angels

Staines Street Angels

Watford Street Angels

Windsor Street Angels / Windsor Night Time Safety Hub

Woking Street Angels

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Pray for those affected by knife crime. Pray for young people who are involved in gangs or who see carrying knives as the norm. Pray for the families and friends of those who have been injured or killed in recent years. Pray for peace on our streets and join the Premier Radio campaign. Pray for Word 4 Weapons and their mission to place knife amnesty bins in communities. Pray for those who speak to young people about this subject - for wisdom and clarity in what is said.

Wednesday 3rd April 2019

Pray for the work of other night-time projects including Street Pastors, Town Pastors, Red Frogs, LGBT patrol projects, University patrols, 24-7 Prayer Ibiza as well as local responses through BID and local councils. Pray for those who volunteer within these teams and those who lead and coordinate. Praise God that as we work together towards safer night-time communities it works!

“Your people will rebuild the cities that were destroyed long ago. And you will build again on the old foundations. You will be called the one who repairs broken walls.You will be called the one who makes city streets like new again.” Isaiah 58:12

Thursday 4th April 2019

Pray for the work of Chaplaincy in various settings including Police, Hospital, Prison, Sports, Town and City Centres. Today is the Alliance of Town and City Chaplains Conference in Luton so please pray for that event and all the towns and cities represented. Pray for those CNI Network night-time initiatives who also run day-time chaplaincy. Pray for those who the chaplains connect with.

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Alliance of Town & City Chaplaincies

Friday 5th April 2019

Pray for local projects in the North West of England: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

EASING the pressure on A&E . . . Oldham Street Angels (from the left) Hannah Land, Kay Barton (A&E nurse), C
Molden and Sarah Furbey

Nurse joins the Street Angels

by ALEX CAREY
twitter: @AlexCareyOC

Recruit will help ease A&E pressure

LDHAM'S popular Street ngels are now playing a vital ole in easing the pressure on ospitals, thanks to a boost in unding.

found it very interesting and wanted to get involved. It's a cause.

"It is of huge importance to we can to ease the pressure on particularly at weekends. There just no beds at the moment. much more efficient to treat pa there and then and send them if it's appropriate."

Barrow-in-Furness Street Angels

Blackpool and Fylde Street Angels

Carlisle Christian Union - Club Angels

Chester NightChurch

Isle of Man Street Angels

Kendal Calling Festival Angels

Macclesfield Street Angels

Manchester City Centre Street Angels

Oldham Street Angels

Whitehaven Saints

Saturday 6th April 2019

Pray for those who serve in the Police, Ambulance / A&E and Fire service. Pray they will work selflessly for the protection and good of us all. Pray for the governing authorities to find the right balance of funding to provide the necessary numbers. Pray for the Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Officers of each service to be blessed with wisdom and insight. Pray for all who are on the front line and their families, that they will be blessed with peace that goes beyond understanding. Pray for the work of Christian Police Association, Christian Ambulance Network and Christians who serve in whatever capacity within the emergency services. Pray for your local teams. Pray for the #ProtectTheProtectors campaign and emergency personnel safety as they serve.

CPA

CHRISTIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

Sunday 7th April 2019

Don't you just love this time of year! The clocks have changed and we have more daylight hours to enjoy ourselves. It's starting to get a bit warmer, and everybody's looking forward to the Easter holidays in a couple of weeks. Time for new adventures, fresh relationships, exploring new spaces and places.

That's what we all hope for, but the reality is often different. Life on the streets can still be tough, surviving a festival can be a scary experience. And light nights bring their own darkness when you're coping with the fallout of long time relationships that have unexpectedly ended.

'Before you abuse, criticize and accuse – walk a mile in my shoes' (Elvis)

'Are you tired? Worn out? …
Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life.' (Jesus)

Give thanks for all those amazing volunteers who understand what Elvis was getting at. And pray for wisdom and generosity as they walk alongside others in the Jesus way.

John Drane
Theologian & Author

#Do1NiceThing Week 6

8th April - Help someone down the stairs or hold open a door for someone with a pram

9th April - Look out for a stranger you can chat to - Small Talk Saves Lives (see this powerful video from Network Rail of Sarah's Story to show the impact this can have)

10th April - Offer your skills to someone else for free

11th April - Write a letter to the boss of someone who has given excellent customer service to tell them so

12th April - Clear out unwanted items and give to a charity shop

13th April - Organise a free car wash for your community

Palm Sunday 14th April - Thank people for the virtues they have

Monday 8th April 2019

Pray for local projects in Yorkshire and North East Lincolnshire: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

Beverley Street Angels

Bradford Street Angels

Bridlington Street Angels

Cleethorpes - Street Angels in North East Lincolnshire

Dewsbury and District Street Angels

Halifax Street Angels

Halifax - Bus Oasis safe place

Harrogate Town Pastors

Huddersfield Street Angels

Hull Princes Avenue Street Angels

Hull Street Angels Trinity

Keighley Night Shift

Leeds Festival Angels

Leeds Street Angels

Mint Festival Angels (Church Fenton)

Northallerton Street Angels

Ryedale Street Angels (Malton and Pickering)

Scarborough Barrowcliffe Angels

Scarborough Street Angels

Scarborough Youth Angels

Skipton Street Angels

Sowerby Bridge Street Angels

Whitby Street Angels

York Street Angels

Tuesday 9th April 2019

Praise God for the positive response that the 'Jesus Loves Every 1 of U' banner plane had last year as it flew over music festivals, sporting events and tourist attractions. CNI Network worked with FlyJesus who organised this (letting the FlyJesus team know about major events) and saw first hand the extremely positive response on the ground as it flew over Boardmasters and Leeds Festivals. Pray for the message of 'Jesus calls, will you follow?' which is to take flight this year - for similar fantastic responses, for perfect weather at all the planned fly-pasts, for the finances for flights, for events on the ground linked to the message and continued challenging messages from people on social media.

Wednesday 10th April 2019

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness have not overcome it" (John 1:5 NIV).

Those who give their time, energy and support to Policing are part of that light – perhaps the 'blue light' – We pray for all those protecting and serving our society. We ask that the Lord gives them strength and wisdom to protect the weak and vulnerable, to champion the cause of the innocent; and, in HIS mercy, let peace reign in our country.

"LORD, we thank you for our fellowship, ministry and mission through the Christian Police Association, and for calling each of us to serve you. Protect, guide and inspire us, that we may know the good hand of your blessing and the leading of your Holy Spirit day by day. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who came amongst us "not to be served but to serve". Amen"

Lee Russell
Director Christian Police Association

Thursday 11th April 2019

Pray for the British Red Cross who train our volunteers for free in basic first aid. Pray for every one of our volunteers who has received this training and for wisdom and skill if they need to put first aid into practice on the streets, in clubs or at festivals. Thank God for our local projects who have fundraised to buy defibrillator units that are placed within the town and city centres they serve. Pray for more clubs to replace glass with polycarbonate so as to reduce injuries caused by glassings within the night-time economy.

Friday 12th April 2019

Pray for local projects in Wales: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

Aberystwyth Night Light

Carmarthen Night Light, West Wales

Pray for the continued funding for each of our local projects and for the right people to serve on trustee / steering group teams.

Saturday 13th April 2019

Please pray for the work of Mercy UK:

Mercy™
UNITED KINGDOM
Restoring Hope.
Transforming Lives.

For the young women in the residential home struggling with life controlling issues such as eating disorders, self harming and depression. Pray they will hang on to hope, push through the issues of the past and take hold of their future in Christ

For the Mercy UK staff team who are helping thousands through Mercy UK's remote services department - pray they will have God's wisdom and discernment as they help those who are facing dark times, find hope and healing through Christ

For financial provision - many of our services are offered free of charge

For our health, strength and protection

“Pray for the peace and prosperity of the city (town, village, community)... Pray to Lord for it because if it prospers you too will prosper” Jeremiah 29:7

Palm Sunday 14th April 2019

Today as we remember how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey we are reminded that our everyday and ordinary can achieve the profound and world-changing. Our amazing teams, as we hand out flip-flops, bottles of water, lollipops, blankets and plasters along with a kind word and the time to chat, are seeing how these everyday and ordinary items can be profound and world-changing to the people who receive them. Our everyday and ordinary actions become profound and world-changing for the communities we serve as crime and anti-social behaviour is reduced and A&E admissions fall. A lollipop can reduce noise and prevent violence. A pair of flip-flops can save a trip to A&E. Time to chat can prevent suicidal thoughts and loneliness. A plaster can prevent shoes rubbing or a wound becoming uncomfortable. Everyday and Ordinary!

Thank God for the everyday and ordinary.

Thank God that our teams are achieving the profound and world-changing for others and communities.

Paul Blakey MBE
Founder / CEO Street Angels - CNI Network

#Do1NiceThing Week 7

15th April - Send flowers to a friend as a thank you for your friendship

16th April - Give a New Testament or inspirational book to someone you don't know

17th April - Take a box of chocolates to work and say thank you to your colleagues

Maundy Thursday 18th April - Easter Weekend - Serve someone

Good Friday 19th April - Put spare change in a charity box

20the April - Visit a local shop you have not visited before or in a while (support locally!)

Easter Sunday 21st April - Get together with others to organise a community or church Easter Egg hunt

Holy Monday 15th April 2019

Pray for local projects in the Midlands: those who volunteer, those who the teams help and meet, for more volunteers and continued impact.

Bedford Street Angels

Belper Street Angels, Derbyshire

Birmingham - Student Life Birmingham

Burton-upon-Trent Street Angels

Hanley, Stoke on Trent, NightChurch

Hitchin Street Angels

Lichfield Late Night Listeners

Milton Keynes Street Ministers

Oswestry Street Angels

Shrewsbury Club Angels

Sleaford Street Source

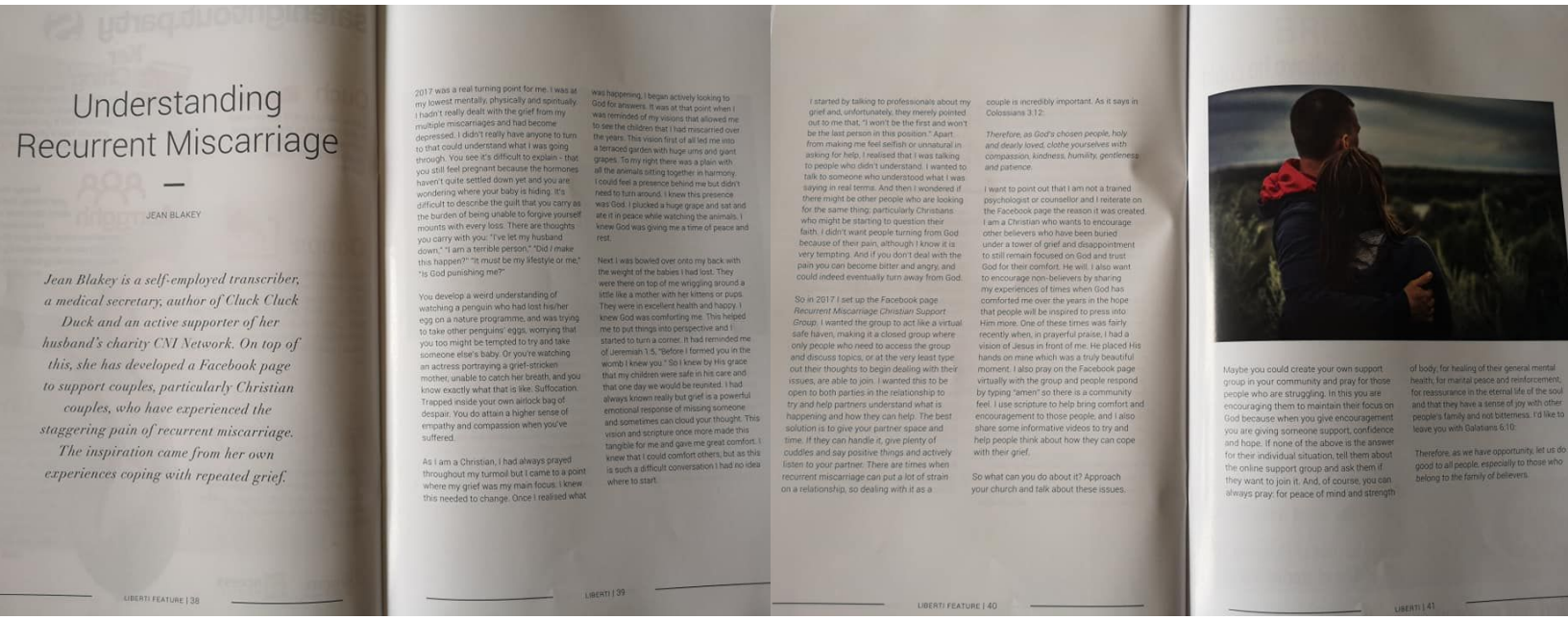
Tamworth Street Angels

Holy Tuesday 16th April 2019

Pray for the growth of work at music festivals and sporting events. Pray for those who organise and staff major events. Pray for volunteers to sign-up as Festival Angels. Pray for safe and major incident free festivals this summer.

Holy Wednesday 17th April 2019

Pray for those who suffer from the pain of recurrent miscarriage. Jean Blakey recently wrote an article on this for Liberti magazine (see here) from her own experiences of repeated grief. Pray for those couples and families who this affects. Pray for the work of Saying Goodbye which supports those who have lost babies or children. Pray for those we have met and supported through our local projects who are out on the town as a way of coping with miscarriage or for whom alcohol makes the pain even more real.



Understanding Recurrent Miscarriage

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JEAN BLAKEY

Jean Blakey is a self-employed transcriber, a medical secretary, author of Cluck Cluck Duck and an active supporter of her husband's charity CNI Network. On top of this, she has developed a Facebook page to support couples, particularly Christian couples, who have experienced the staggering pain of recurrent miscarriage. The inspiration came from her own experiences coping with repeated grief.

2017 was a real turning point for me. I was at my lowest mentally, physically and spiritually. I hadn't really dealt with the grief from my multiple miscarriages and had become depressed. I didn't really have anyone to turn to that could understand what I was going through. You see it's difficult to explain - that you still feel pregnant because the hormones haven't quite settled down yet and you are wondering where your baby is hiding. It's difficult to describe the guilt that you carry as the burden of being unable to forgive yourself mounts with every loss. There are thoughts you carry with you: "I've let my husband down," "I am a terrible person," "Did I make this happen?" "It must be my lifestyle or me," "Is God punishing me?"

You develop a weird understanding of watching a penguin who had lost his/her egg on a nature programme, and was trying to take other penguins' eggs, worrying that you too might be tempted to try and take someone else's baby. Or you're watching an actress portraying a grief-stricken mother, unable to catch her breath, and you know exactly what that is like. Suffocation. Trapped inside your own airlock bag of despair. You do attain a higher sense of empathy and compassion when you've suffered.

As I am a Christian, I had always prayed throughout my turmoil but I came to a point where my grief was my main focus. I knew this needed to change. Once I realised what was happening, I began actively looking to God for answers. It was at that point when I was reminded of my visions that allowed me to see the children that I had miscarried over the years. This vision first of all led me into a terraced garden with huge urns and giant grapes. To my right there was a plain with all the animals sitting together in harmony. I could feel a presence behind me but didn't need to turn around. I knew this presence was God. I plucked a huge grape and sat and ate it in peace while watching the animals. I knew God was giving me a time of peace and rest.

Next I was bowled over onto my back with the weight of the babies I had lost. They were there on top of me wriggling around a little like a mother with her kittens or pups. They were in excellent health and happy. I knew God was comforting me. This helped me to put things into perspective and I started to turn a corner. It had reminded me of Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." So I knew by His grace that my children were safe in his care and that one day we would be reunited. I had always known really but grief is a powerful emotional response of missing someone and sometimes can cloud your thought. This vision and scripture once more made this tangible for me and gave me great comfort. I knew that I could comfort others, but as this is such a difficult conversation I had no idea where to start.

I started by talking to professionals about my grief and, unfortunately, they merely pointed out to me that, "I won't be the first and won't be the last person in this position." Apart from making me feel selfish or unnatural in asking for help, I realised that I was talking to people who didn't understand. I wanted to talk to someone who understood what I was saying in real terms. And then I wondered if there might be other people who are looking for the same thing; particularly Christians who might be starting to question their faith. I didn't want people turning from God because of their pain, although I know it is very tempting. And if you don't deal with the pain you can become bitter and angry, and could indeed eventually turn away from God.

So in 2017 I set up the Facebook page *Recurrent Miscarriage Christian Support Group*. I wanted the group to act like a virtual safe haven, making it a closed group where only people who need to access the group and discuss topics, or at the very least type out their thoughts to begin dealing with their issues, are able to join. I wanted this to be open to both parties in the relationship to try and help partners understand what is happening and how they can help. The best solution is to give your partner space and time. If they can handle it, give plenty of cuddles and say positive things and actively listen to your partner. There are times when recurrent miscarriage can put a lot of strain on a relationship, so dealing with it as a couple is incredibly important. As it says in Colossians 3:12:

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

I want to point out that I am not a trained psychologist or counsellor and I reiterate on the Facebook page the reason it was created. I am a Christian who wants to encourage other believers who have been buried under a tower of grief and disappointment to still remain focused on God and trust God for their comfort. He will. I also want to encourage non-believers by sharing my experiences of times when God has comforted me over the years in the hope that people will be inspired to press into Him more. One of these times was fairly recently when, in prayerful praise, I had a vision of Jesus in front of me. He placed His hands on mine which was a truly beautiful moment. I also pray on the Facebook page virtually with the group and people respond by typing "amen" so there is a community feel. I use scripture to help bring comfort and encouragement to those people, and I also share some informative videos to try and help people think about how they can cope with their grief.

So what can you do about it? Approach your church and talk about these issues.

Maybe you could create your own support group in your community and pray for those people who are struggling. In this you are encouraging them to maintain their focus on God because when you give encouragement you are giving someone support, confidence and hope. If none of the above is the answer for their individual situation, tell them about the online support group and ask them if they want to join it. And, of course, you can always pray for peace of mind and strength of body, for healing of their general mental health, for marital peace and reinforcement, for reassurance in the eternal life of the soul and that they have a sense of joy with other people's family and not bitterness. I'd like to leave you with Galatians 6:10:

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Maundy Thursday 18th April 2019

Today is Passover and a day we remember how Jesus washed the feet of his followers just before The Last Supper. In those days people wore open sandals and feet would generally be dusty and dirty. Washing people's feet was the job for the very least servant of the household as you entered a house. However Jesus did the work of the very least by washing the feet of his disciples - an act that demonstrated servanthood in action. Jesus calls us today to serve, to be helpful to others and remember that the little and the least really do matter.

Reflect on this
tweet a few years ago from
Oldham Street Angels:

"If Street Angels were around in Nazareth
Jesus would be on the team cleaning up
feet and offering flip-flops!"

Good Friday 19th April 2019

No-one but Jesus knew that today would eventually be called 'Good Friday'. There was nothing about it that looked good at the time. There was betrayal, disappointment, humiliation. There were lies, taunts, beatings, fake trials and eventually a devastating crucifixion. It seemed that all was lost, that death and darkness had won. It seemed time to say it's over, to give up and give in to despair. But hope still lived and hope said:

'Hang on- it's not over yet. Good things are going to happen!'

There are so many people out there facing hopeless situations, circumstances that are telling them that life is not worth living. At Mercy UK we exist to see hope restored and lives transformed in partnership with local churches everywhere, telling people:

'Hang on- it's not over yet!
Darkness doesn't have the final say. Light and Life is on its way!'

Arianna Walker
CEO - Mercy UK

Holy Saturday 20th April 2019

Pray for CNI Network and its heart and vision of Making City Streets Like New Again. Pray for Paul and Jean as they lead CNI Network and seek to support and resource new and existing projects and coordinate one off initiatives such as Festival Angels. Pray for Katie as she supports local projects in Yorkshire. Pray for the trustees as they lead and seek God's vision for the ongoing work of CNI Network and ensure that we and local projects are acting within relevant guidelines. Pray for the finances so that we can plan with confidence. Pray for all those we partner with. Pray we will continue to share the great news of local projects, community impact and changed lives. Pray for our social media, website and media, that these will reach people, encourage people, showcase models of change and highlight ways the church is engaged in communities.

Easter Sunday 21st April 2019

Thank you Lord that together we are breathing new life into our communities. Thank you for the changes we have seen within the night-time economy over the last fourteen years. Thank you that we are helping villages, towns, cities, festivals and events move from binge to better. Thank you that we are

#MakingCitystreetsLikeNewAgain

Amen!

"Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night…" Philippians 2:15

Words of Support for CNI Network and our family of local projects

“I am so thankful that the Christian Nightlife Initiatives brought Street Angels to America! They launched in April of 2018 in Wilmington, NC and we have seen many salvations, healings, and new hope in many individuals. I am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do as they expand to other cities in America!” *Emma Baltezore Director of ONE Christian Network*

“The work that the Street Angels undertake is an invaluable resource in helping to keep people safe across West Yorkshire’s night-time economy. I have funded a number of these local projects under my Safer Communities Fund, which uses money recovered from criminals under the Proceeds of Crime Act. Through this support, I have personally witnessed on a couple of night shifts the dedication and compassion shown by those delivering these important services which I know the public, Police and other emergency services really appreciate. I am a strong advocate for this positive approach and the difference that the volunteers of the CNI Network are making to our communities across the country.” *Mark Burns-Williamson - West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner*

“I love the thought that all over the country, through the amazing work of the Christian Nightlife Initiative Network (CNI), Christians are out on the streets, bringing genuine change - making them safer places for for us all. This is Christian love outworked in a very practical way.” *Steve Clifford - General Director, Evangelical Alliance*

“You are important to the cause! Keep going team! Live life fully.” *Tom Elliott - Comedian, Magician & Communicator*

“The nighttime of our communities is a key place for Christians to demonstrate the love of God and present Christ. CNI Network is one such ministry that takes the church out of the building to be good news in its community, on the streets, in clubs and festivals. It is so encouraging to see its development in the church and that occurs in the individuals that serve and the lives that they touch.” *Roy Crowne - Executive Director, HOPE Together*

“The work of volunteer projects such as those provided by CNI has become an essential partnership tool to manage vulnerability in any busy town or city centre at night. All the research studies show that they have a huge financial impact in terms of time and pressure saved for the emergency services (Police, Ambulance and A&E). However, the selfless, compassionate and grace-filled actions of 1000's of volunteers across the country have an incalculable benefit that goes far beyond just ensuring people get home at the end of their night out, their presence brings peace, love and hope to those in need at their darkest hour often when they least deserve it. No matter which city I work in the volunteers working in the night time economy are highly regarded. I think this is just where Jesus would be, I just wish there were 1000's more Christians and citizens willing to serve their communities in this way, as I believe that our cities and the lives of those who use them would be transformed and it would make my job of making cities safer after dark much easier.” *Jo Cox-Brown - Director, Night Time Economy Solutions*

"It is great to see Churches working Together with others in communities across the UK and around the world with the outcome of peace and change. The work on the streets, in clubs and at festivals is a great example of the impact the church can make when we put faith into action." *Captain Jim Currin - Church Army / Churches Together in England*

“Love this resource - accessible and engaging. I trust it will enable us to pick up our Father's heartbeat and footprint afresh in our communities.” *Jane Holloway - National Prayer Director, World Prayer Centre Birmingham*

"I did Street Angels for five years and still go out with them occasionally now. It is an amazing project. After a hard work at week people go out on a Friday and Saturday night and make an instant difference. The first time I ever went out we found a 17 year old girl slumped on her phone in an old phone box in the city centre with people all around her. After a few minutes she'd lost consciousness and we soon realised that she wasn't with friends at all but was totally alone, unconscious holding a £600 smartphone. If we hadn't seen her and called an ambulance who knows what would have happened." *Lee Jackson - Speaker, Author, Past President of the Professional Speaking Association*

“Thank you CNI Network - you do fantastic work in local communities across the country.” *Local Alcohol Partnerships on Twitter*

“I am pleased to support Street Angels, part of the Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network. Street Angels is a sign of the fruit that comes from close ecumenical collaboration between Christians as they seek to serve their brothers and sisters in our towns and cities through prayer, support and the sharing of other resources. With my prayers and blessings for this important work.” *Archbishop Bernard Longley - Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham*

“I’m in awe of the amazing work of Street Angels! Thanks for making such a difference wherever you are. I’m cheering you on!” *Cathy Madavan - Speaker, Writer, Coach and Author of Digging for Diamonds*

“Each year Time for God volunteers and staff are privileged to hear, and take part in, the ongoing story of Street Angels and CNI Network. Invariably we are inspired and encouraged to learn how even the smallest acts of love and compassion given by CNI Network volunteers can have a disproportionately positive impact on people’s lives. The mission and activities of CNI Network in clubs, at festivals, and on the streets of cities and towns around the world, are a continual reminder to us that God’s love really does go everywhere, in search of everyone, and that He is able to use our little offerings for His global redemptive purposes. This is a powerful reinforcing message for Time for God volunteers, who are giving a year of their lives to serve communities in the UK, and every time the story of CNI Network is told, there are those among our volunteers who want to get involved. We look forward to placing a volunteer with CNI Network in the near future, and to further our relationship with this amazing charity.” *Sam Matthews - Operations Manager, Time for God*

“The work of Faith groups supporting their communities is essential to the wellbeing of our society. Organisations like the Police are finding it harder and harder to meet all the demands that are put on them and they need the support of churches and faith groups to assist them in helping those in need. This may be providing a helping hand, or flip flops and a bottle of water, in a time of crisis or a listening ear and emotional support in someone’s darkest hour. The work of the CNI Network and Street Angels is appreciated by the police and by the whole community. Thank you.” *Paul Netherton - Deputy Chief Constable Devon and Cornwall Police*

“Cinnamon Network is proud of our association with the CNI Network. Street Angels have not only been a beacon of light on the streets but a shining example of some of the very best street patrol practice in the UK” *Mike Royal - Co Chief Executive, Cinnamon Network UK*

“I am delighted to support Christian Nightlife Initiatives (CNI) Network. The work undertaken by its volunteers is genuinely on the front line of practical and caring Christian action, and it is good to know that Street Angels are to be seen in so many local settings. I have had the privilege of joining volunteers on the streets on occasions and I know from discussions with civic leaders and local police representatives that CNI Network is making a measurable and positive difference in our communities. I warmly commend this important work and encourage its support through prayer and resourcing.” *The Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith - Lord Bishop of St Albans*

“Like Jesus, when we step out from the shadows, and seek to show the love of the Father to the vulnerable and to those unable to help themselves we show the type of leadership that our world is looking for. Be encouraged in all that you are doing in Christ’s name. God walks with you as you walk alongside those in greatest need.” *Tommy Stewart - Founder / Director Christians Who Lead*

“CNI Network head up the Festival Angels Welfare Team at Big Church Day Out and they are amazing! We don’t know what we would do without them. They are such an integral part to making the Big Church Day Out happen. We have had so many stories back from our guests about how the support from the Welfare team really made their experience. We are so grateful to have them at our event.” *Rosie Vickery-Brown - Big Church Team Coordinator*

“As a professional comedian my workplace is part of the evening economy. I am out performing and travelling between towns and cities across the UK when many are at home in front of the TV or tucked up in bed. This gives me a unique view of this vibrant sector and an understanding of the needs within the night time culture. I am so grateful for the work of CNI Network and especially their many Street Angels Projects being a positive witness and presence in places that need it the most.” *Tony Vino - Comedian*

“CNI Network of initiatives like Street Angels, Community Angels and Club Angels, amongst others, are a strong foundation to all partnerships involved and working within the night time economy on a local level.” *Sarah Walker - Programme Manager Purple Flag*

“Christians are called both to proclaim the good news of Jesus and to live the good news of Jesus: to be the kind of people who are genuinely good to have in the neighbourhood. That’s true of so many of the inspiring men and women who work in the many local projects affiliated to the CNI Network. May this Lent be a time for blessing and renewal for each one of them as together we seek to live out the message we proclaim, most especially to the least, the last and the lost.” *Right Reverend Andrew Watson - Bishop of Guildford*

“Our family of volunteers are amazing. People who are committed to building local communities and investing who they are to help and love people at times when it is most needed. In my role as the CEO of CNI Network I have the privilege of visiting our local projects and heading up teams at festival events. Everywhere Jean and myself go we meet people who are passionate about the peace and prosperity of their local places and serve to make these a reality. We are an amazing family, along with amazing partners, united by the cause of making streets, festivals and clubs like new again as we make God’s Kingdom a reality for others. Well done and thank you all!” *Paul Blakey MBE - founder Street Angels / CEO Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network*

We hope you have enjoyed and found useful this CNI Network Lent Prayer Guide. Other resources that may help your journey through Lent and beyond include:

40Amen - 40 Days of Prayer linked to York Community Church

Bible Gateway - search various versions of the Bible online

CNI Network Prayer - prayer around #MakingCityStreetsLikeNewAgain

Neighbourhood Prayer Network - aiming to see every street in the UK prayed for

iTruth - a Christian based app for young people to engage with faith

Peace on our Streets - encouraging prayer against violence on our streets

You Version - Bible App

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