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This month sees the launch of the exciting new developments of CNI Network.

At the CNI Leadership Group day in April we prayed and talked around CNI Network, the role it plays and the future developments.

The five strand approach (see last months newsletter and web site) has helped us focus and clarify the vision. It was agreed at the AGM that Halifax Street Angels and CNI Network separate to have two distinctive identities and, eventually, become two separate charities.

CNI has, and will continue to, develop ideas such as [www.wehelpedu.org.uk](http://www.wehelpedu.org.uk) which offers practical support to local projects and [www.loveyourstreets.org.uk](http://www.loveyourstreets.org.uk) which promotes social community action and engagement. The heartbeat of CNI is

to see people making the difference within the wider community.

CNI has become one of the leading national voices for work within the night-time economy and contributes to Christian community engagement issues generally. All of this celebrates and promotes what God is doing through people in projects the length and breadth of the UK. To reflect this we have a new logo - thanks to Matt Easton at [www.lifewhys.com](http://www.lifewhys.com) for this!

Paul and Adam are both set to go full time working on CNI (with Paul moving away from Halifax Street Angels) with many other exciting ideas around training centres, flagship events and supporting volunteers and local project needs - please pray as this happens and for finance and that we will continue to see God's Kingdom evidenced in towns and cities at night...



Sarah from Watford Street Angels joined Paul and Jean and Adam and Becky to take **Love Your Streets** to the people of London as part of Pentecost Festival.



The day started at 8.30am with a live radio interview on Premier Christian Radio with Dave Gilpin and Lizzie Crow. The team spoke about the plans for the day and shared some of the stories from CNI linked projects across the UK alongside the story of Street Angels - CNI Network.



The day then moved to Westminster Central Hall where a display was set up as part of a wide range of events. The main focus of the day was handing out sweets and cards to people watching the Trooping of the Colour, in and around Westminster and on the South Bank. Many interesting conversations were had and people from around the world appreciated the Love Your Streets idea and that the church was active celebrating its birthday!

The team then made their way to the O2 Arena for a Pentecost Celebration with 16,000 others. The event was hosted by Share Jesus International, Holy Trinity Brompton, Hillsong and Jesus House.

Sarah said of the day, *"It was an amazing day, filled with warmth from both the glorious sunshine and the reactions of the people we spoke to, sharing God's love with"*. Jean added *"It was great to surprise Londoners and visitors with free sweets to help celebrate the birthday of the church - Love Your Streets in action!"* We plan to do this again next Pentecost Festival weekend and as part of the Olympics (and possibly over this summer)...

One early evening in May I received a surprise phone call from the Huddersfield Examiner. The young lady said that Huddersfield Street Angels had been nominated for a Huddersfield Examiner Community Award, and that we were in the top three of the section 'Friend of the year Award.'

Well I was quite shocked; as she carried on to tell me that we would be getting three tickets to the Award Ceremony on the 6th June at the Galpharm Stadium in Huddersfield. She said it would be a very 'sparkly and glamorous' evening and very enjoyable.

Well, it was to be our Silver Wedding Celebrations that evening so I very quickly got that changed- I know my priorities, don't I? Never even told Andrew that I was changing it!!!!



We were able to purchase extra tickets for friends etc, and when Monday of this week came we all got ourselves looking very glamorous- well Karen and me were glamorous and Ian, Andrew and Orlando looked very handsome in Dinner Jackets, we were so proud of them. ('And we hope they were proud of us.')

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Jean and Paul Blakey along with Adam May are walking from coast to coast along the **Caledonian Canal** in Scotland as part of a Week of Prayer for CNI, linked projects, partner organisations, etc.

During the week, from Saturday 17th September until Sunday 25th September, it is hoped local projects will run special prayer events and that groups will join together regionally to pray as one for the different regions.

The Caledonian Canal walk will be a significant time as we prophetically walk the 62 mile width of our nation praying for the night-time economy, local projects, initiatives such as More Than Gold, etc as we go. It is hoped also that this walk will raise finances for CNI and we are asking local projects to consider investing into the wider national work to stand together during the Week of Prayer and to hold an offering as part of your prayer gathering for CNI.

On Saturday 17th September around 1000 leaders will gather at Wembley to spend the day praying for our nation - it is hoped to include prayers for the night-time economy within this day - [www.gdoplondon.com](http://www.gdoplondon.com)

[www.cninetwork.org.uk](http://www.cninetwork.org.uk) will include details of any prayer events that are taking place (email yours to [hello@cninetwork.org.uk](mailto:hello@cninetwork.org.uk))

Nina Hossain of ITN news and of Huddersfield was the Host for the evening, and she made it a splendid affair. (It has also been announced in the Examiner today that she has shared the news that she is expecting her third child.) So that is lovely and we wish her all the best.

Simon Armitage, the very well known Huddersfield poet was also receiving an Achievement Award, and his father, Peter an 'Arts Award'. Simon rounded the evening off with his unique gift of humour and of course a poem.

It was a fantastic evening; the top winner in the 'Friend of the Year Award' was a lady who had fostered over 100 children and clearly a very dedicated caring person. She really deserved the top award. We have a Highly Commended certificate which we hope to hang in the Mission Cafe and we are very happy to have that. It was wonderful and there were some really lovely, deserving people there. It made us all realise that community service is an absolute must in our society, and that there are so many good people around who are prepared to give of themselves to do it.

We do not know who nominated us, but we are thrilled that we had the privilege of being there.

*Dianne Hughes - Huddersfield Street Angels - [www.streetangelshuddersfield.co.uk](http://www.streetangelshuddersfield.co.uk)*

## CNI Week of Prayer & Caledonian Canal Walk



Join with others across the country to commit to a week of prayer for our nation especially for the issues and potential around the night-time economy...

Between **Saturday 17th and Sunday 25th September** local projects, churches and individuals are invited to hold local and regional prayer events...

As part of the week Jean and Paul Blakey along with Adam May are set to walk coast to coast on the 62 mile Caledonian Canal in Scotland. As well as a prophetic act of praying for our nation the walk will help raise money for CNI and local projects. To sponsor Jean, Paul and Adam visit [www.wehelpedu.org.uk](http://www.wehelpedu.org.uk) where you will find details on how to support this walk financially...

# www.wehelpedu.org.uk

www.wehelpedu.org.uk is our latest web site aimed at resourcing the work of local projects and CNI. Giving is available via text (DUCK22 £amount to 70070), online and through Give As You Live and, the latest means, Give A Car:

Do you own a banger that's merely gathering dust in the garage? Then you can do your bit for charity!

Giveacar is a UK based fundraising organisation that specialises in donating unwanted and scrap cars to charitable causes throughout the world, including CNI Network.



They provide a FREE service which is available throughout the UK, and can work with you hand-in-hand in the following ways:

They can arrange the collection

of the vehicle - depending on its age and condition, they can either send it for environmentally safe disposal and recycling at an Authorised Treatment Facility, or to a salvage auction.

This means that a large portion of the proceeds are donated to a nominated charity of the vehicle owner's choice!

Since Giveacar was set up in 2010, the organisation has already raised over £350,000 for over 250 charities!

To arrange collection of a car, visit Giveacar.co.uk or call 020 0011 1664, quoting Street Angels - Christian Nightlife Initiatives as your preferred charity.

Vee Travers, Prayer Coordinator of Bedford Street Angels recently attended the **Sharing Hope in Crisis Seminar** - she writes:

Though put on by members of the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team this seminar deals with helping all those going through trauma and grief. To the individual concerned their life has been shattered by the experience. Be it the loss of a loved one, a job, home, relationship, health or some other tragedy, they are gripped with despair and life hardly seems worth living. Each person's grief is like a fingerprint - all react differently, but by drawing alongside, offering a listening ear, comfort, acceptance and prayer we can bring a flicker of hope back to their lives. This one day seminar helps us do this by considering such topics as: Suffering in Scripture, Trauma/Grief and its possible effects on the body, How to impart Hope, Do's and Don'ts in showing care, How to listen. We too are engaged in the same mission as Jesus: to seek and to save the lost. To be a follower of Christ automatically leads to 'Fishing', the 2 are inseparable. How to share both Biblically and appropriately was the aim of the day.



An annual national photography competition aims to showcase the positive impact of faith in the community launches its 2011 competition.

**Faith through a lens** enables budding photographers across the country to convey the importance of faith, be it within their local communities or globally - last year's winner portrayed a Haitian grandmother with child following the country's earthquake.

Now in its second year, the competition, which is the creation of national church and home insurer Congregational & General, will be judged by a panel which includes internationally renowned photo-journalist Don McCullin.



Members of the public will, for the first time, also have the opportunity to vote for their favourite image through [www.faiththroughalens.co.uk](http://www.faiththroughalens.co.uk) and social media platforms when the public voting stage of the competition opens on 1 September. The competition seeks to inspire people by providing five categories that the winning image will be judged upon. The categories are: Moments of Faith; Community Heroes; Places of Faith; Community Spirit Against the Odds and New Faith. Margaret Slater, Marketing Manager at Congregational, said: "We live in a multi-cultural and diverse society and Faith through a lens is a fantastic way for anyone, whether budding photographers or not, to capture what 'faith' means to them.

The winning photographers in the competition will not only receive a prize for themselves, but prizes will also be awarded to their chosen faith, charity or community group. Photo entries can be uploaded to [www.faiththroughalens.co.uk](http://www.faiththroughalens.co.uk) (where further details of the competition, requirements and prizes can be found) or via the Congregational & General Facebook page.

The winner, runner-up and highly recommended entrants will be announced at an exclusive event to be held during Interfaith Week, 20-26 November 2011.

On Wednesday 15th June, after a long afternoon of meeting with MP's, Adam headed across the road to Westminster Abbey for the **Christians in Government UK Summer Garden**. The Garden party, by the kind permission of the Dean and Chapter of the Abbey was set in the grounds of the St Catherine's Cloisters which overlooks the Houses of Parliament. The event provided an opportunity to relax and enjoy the company of others in such wonderful surroundings.

A hog-roast supper and strawberries and cream was provided. There was live music by international soloist Justin Harmer and friends.

Half way through the evening, the umbrellas opened up as the rain began to set in, but this did not dampen the entertainment and enjoyment of the guests.

Our thanks to Michael Carson who leads the work of CIGUK on arranging such a wonderful event. The next CIGUK event is the Carol Service in the Abbey on 7th December from 6.00pm - 7.00pm



Paul and Adam attended the **Bible Fresh day** [www.biblefresh.com](http://www.biblefresh.com). Biblefresh is an initiative to look at ideas around inspiring churches and

individuals to a greater confidence and appetite for the Bible. Ideas include The People's Bible - [www.thepeoplesbible.org](http://www.thepeoplesbible.org) and The Viral Bible Project - [www.viralbibleproject.com](http://www.viralbibleproject.com).

Steve Clifford the General Director of the **Evangelical Alliance** writes, "I just wanted to say it was great to read the CNI newsletter recently. It's so encouraging to read of what is taking place all over the country. God's richest blessing be upon you in all that you are doing,"



**Faces of Britain** gives you the chance to become part of history! To mark the events of 2012 Faces of Britain allows you to upload your photo free of charge onto an online grid that contains space for 212 people from your local area. The grids will act as 'online time capsules' that accurately represent those of us who will enjoy a truly momentous year. Once the grids are filled they will be permanently displayed as online galleries, and available to buy as commemorative posters and prints to interested individuals, groups and organisations. Posters will be free for charities, community centres and libraries. To add your face and for more details go to [www.facesofbritain.co.uk](http://www.facesofbritain.co.uk)

**EDGE** is a growing youth ministry, based at Roomfield Baptist Church in Todmorden, West Yorkshire. The team have a passion for giving local teenagers a chance in life, someone to talk to and a safe place to go.

There's no such thing as a typical night at EDGE, but everything fits into one of the 4 main streams:

**EDGE//Chill** – Every Thursday we take over the church building, set up the Wii and PS3, pool table, sofas and stick the kettle on. Open from 7.30-10pm, on average 20-30 teenagers will pop in to say hi and have a brew.

**EDGE//Chat** – pretty fluid, but the youth team are available at any time (within reason!) to chat through problems with the youth. EDGE is not just for Thursday nights (or Christmas!) – the team believe strongly in building relationships and being mentors as and when needed.

**EDGE//Church** – held once a month, EDGE//Church is a chilled out worship service, top and tailed with pizza and coffee! It's relaxed, interactive and gives space for those awkward God questions to be asked.

**EDGE//Challenge** – quite literally, if it involves adrenalin we're up for it! Most of the team have proper grown-up qualifications allowing us to access things like the amazing local climbing spots. Sports nights on the local park are a regular event when the temperamental weather holds.

In the past EDGE have also held club nights, events for the Business Association, and are about to start working with other local organisations to look into providing a more holistic approach to youth work in the town. The MOST important thing is that there is something for the teenagers to do every night, not who does it – so we're hopeful for the way things might move forward. In the meantime, if you'd like to get involved please get in touch with Vicky via [hello@cnietwork.org.uk](mailto:hello@cnietwork.org.uk) or go to [www.edgeonline.org](http://www.edgeonline.org)

**Web Sites:**

[www.cnietwork.org.uk](http://www.cnietwork.org.uk)  
[www.loveyourstreets.org.uk](http://www.loveyourstreets.org.uk)  
[www.wehelpedu.org.uk](http://www.wehelpedu.org.uk)  
[www.makingthedifference.org.uk](http://www.makingthedifference.org.uk)  
[www.streetangels.org.uk](http://www.streetangels.org.uk)  
[www.shoplocallygivelocally.co.uk](http://www.shoplocallygivelocally.co.uk)  
[www.angelresources.org.uk](http://www.angelresources.org.uk)

**Facebook:**

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[www.facebook.com/loveyourstreets](http://www.facebook.com/loveyourstreets)  
[www.facebook.com/hxstreetangels](http://www.facebook.com/hxstreetangels)

**Twitter:**

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**You Tube Channel:**  
[streetangels Halifax](http://streetangels Halifax)

Social Media and Your Organisation - a 2 hour course looking at Facebook, Twitter, etc by Paul Blakey and Beth Ward - info 07725 501465.

After nearly two years of prayer, planning and perseverance **Hitchin Street Angels** was launched on Saturday 30th April 2011. Volunteers will be active between 9.30pm and 2am every Saturday, come rain or shine. Part of the UK wide 'Street Angels' project Hitchin Street Angels is the church on the street, working in partnership with a wide range of agencies including: Police, District Council, Town Centre Management, Community and Voluntary groups, Town Centre Rangers and PubWatch.

At the centre of all that we do is our mission statement: "Hitchin Street Angels will provide an on-street facility and integrated safety net service for individuals in need. The needs of these individuals may be the result of homelessness in its various forms, intoxication, substance abuse and/or any other issue, which has caused personal distress or has the potential to cause physical harm to themselves or others."

Street Angels is an initiative of Churches Together in Hitchin and aim to show the Love and Care of the Christian Community to those who use Hitchin town centre. In addition to non-judgemental care, support and understanding, the service offers basic refreshments, basic first aid, and, where applicable, referral to appropriate services including Police, Night Shelter, medical, transport, counselling and accommodation facilities and personnel.



And finally, a flavour of our activities taken from our end of shift reports over the past four weeks:

We collected glass bottles, both broken and whole from the streets and

deposited them in bins with one group being mistaken for a CSI forensic team.

God gave one of the teams an opportunity to pray for a young man who was upset. There was also a commotion outside one of the clubs late into the evening and God led a team into the area to observe and pray into the situation and the Street Angels convinced some girls to make their way home, which they did, therefore keeping them safe from harm.

We found a girl with her boyfriend in a doorway and she couldn't walk as her heels were too high, so we gave her some flip flops to get her home and she was really grateful.

We saw two girls in a fight with each other. We spent over half an hour with them and one of them went home. The remaining girl was vulnerable and in a distressed state. We heard her story and gave her flip-flops and a space blanket. We waited with her until a taxi arrived to take her home.

Young girl from Luton approached us and needed a taxi. We walked with her to the taxi rank. The driver said £25 to Luton. With the girl only having £20 we persuaded the driver to take her for £20. The taxi driver made a point of stopping by us later in the evening to inform us the girl was home safe and sound. We thanked him for helping her and us.

To find out more or to support in prayer or financially, please contact [grahame\\_williams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:grahame_williams@yahoo.co.uk)

## CNI Diary for July:

Wed 6th - Adam meeting with Jane Holloway and Nadine Dorries MP

Thu 7th - Paul attending Halifax Courier Community Awards night (CNI and Grand Central Rail partnership around Community Rail Cards offering 50% reduced rail travel nominated)



Sat 9th - Adam and three volunteers attending the More than Gold Games Pastors training day at St Pancras International Station.

Wed 13th - Adam meeting with Fr Alexander in Soho and then later in the day attending a meeting at Archbishop's House, London.

Sat 16th - Derek Baker involved in running a South Coast regional gathering for work within the night-time economy.

Tue 19th - Paul is attending a church leaders breakfast in Macclesfield; Adam attending the More than Gold Games Pastor Steering group.

Wed 20th - Adam meeting with the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton.

Thu 21st - Adam is attending the Bedford Borough Assembly in the evening.

Wed 27th - Adam meeting with Joel Edwards in London.

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CNI has produced some **polo shirts** with the new logo - these are available to purchase at a cost of £15 per polo shirt (sizes Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and Extra Extra Large) plus postage (at the cost of the postage) - to order email [hello@cni-network.org.uk](mailto:hello@cni-network.org.uk) with your details (you may want to ask others in your project as well).

**Shane Claiborne and the Rend Collective Experiment** are touring the UK with the Upside Down Kingdom Tour. The event starts on 19th August in Ballymena, 24th in Coleford, 25th in Southampton, 27th at Greenbelt, 28th at Burslem, 30th in London, 31st at Bromley, 1st September in Halifax, 2nd in Perth and 3rd in Bristol. More details at [www.upsidedownkingdomtour.com](http://www.upsidedownkingdomtour.com)

A date for your diary - Wednesday 26th October at Moggerhanger Park, Bedfordshire - **Afternoon Tea with entertainment** 4pm to 7pm - more details soon (this event will help raise finances for your local project). We are also planning a Northern event "**An Evening with Jimmy Cricket**"...

To pray for: *each of the local projects mentioned in this newsletter*; the continued positive publicity around the reduction in violent crime in towns and cities across the UK; *boldness to tell the amazing story of what God is doing*; towns and cities looking at starting a community patrol project or initiative in the night-time economy; *those projects where volunteer numbers are low*; those we gave sweets to and chatted with as part of Love Your Streets London over Pentecost Weekend; *a growing commitment to prayer as part of the CNI Week of Prayer in September*; opportunities through the BibleFresh projects to inspire people and churches with the relevance of the word of God; *those CNI*

*partner with including The Cinnamon Network and the Community Franchising web site*; the new direction of CNI as it separates from Halifax Street Angels and for Paul and Adam as they move into full time roles helping develop the amazing work of CNI and local projects; *financial commitment to make all CNI have vision for to happen*; those affected by alcohol and drugs for freedom and release; the reception event at the Houses of Parliament...

“Listen to God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he’s the one who will keep you on track” (Proverbs 3:6 The Message)

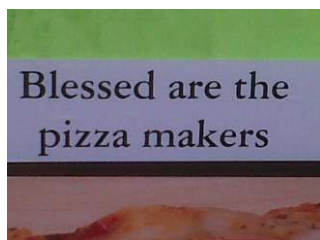
On Friday the 3rd of June three **ROCK Street Chaplains** from the city of Dundee visited our friends at **Nightlight in Northern Ireland**. The visit was to form links with Nightlight who work among the clubbers and Bar Staff in different parts of the city of Belfast.



During our weekend we met with team leader John and he give us all a tour of the city telling us about the different places where Nightlight work. The highlight of the weekend was working alongside the nightlight team in The Belfast odyssey building where there are a number of nightclubs under one roof.

It was great to see how the nightlight team have developed relationship with the bars staff and bouncers to the extent where they are very much part of the working makeup of the nightlife in that area. We had lots of conversations with many people about the things of God and also about how the nightlight teams have helped individuals over the years.

One funny picture we saw in a pizza café is attached this made us as ROCK Street Chaplains have a laugh!



So all in all It was a great weekend friendships were formed and hopefully a relationship and partnership deepened with Nightlight Belfast and Rock Street Chaplains Dundee.

Can we take this opportunity to invite others teams to Dundee in the future to work with us in our ministry so other partnerships can be formed.

Andy Burns. ROCK Street Chaplains. Dundee.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles met with leading social action organisations in June, facilitated by the **Cinnamon Network** to share his views on the role of the Church in these ‘Big Society’ days. At the event, a new website which features CNI as one of its charity was launched: [www.communityfranchising.net](http://www.communityfranchising.net) to equip the church for action building on the excellent example of tried and tested models. Matt Bird, who chairs the Cinnamon Network and Chief Executive of Make It\* Happen has also offered his support to CNI saying: "Thousands of Christian's volunteer every weekend to care for people who are enjoying a night out in our towns and cities. I believe this is exactly where Jesus would be and so wholeheartedly commend the work of CNI."

CNI is to receive two **Viral Bible's** to encourage those we meet on the streets, volunteers and partners to underline the verses that are most meaningful to them. More than 200 Viral Bibles, published by Hodder, will be distributed.

Each Viral Bible has a unique code inside the cover, so that you can log onto [www.viralbibleproject.com](http://www.viralbibleproject.com) key in the number sequence and track its journey, as well as draw inspiration from other people's chosen verses. It is hoped that each copy of the Viral Bible will travel the length and breadth of Britain and beyond before returning to the London head office of the Evangelical Alliance in Easter 2012.

The Viral Bible Project is a year-long campaign aimed at illustrating how the Bible continues to influence, inspire and direct people's lives 400 years after King James published the authorised version. The Viral Bible Project is just one among scores of projects under the banner of Biblefresh.

To have a copy of the Viral Bible within your project email [hello@cnietwork.org.uk](mailto:hello@cnietwork.org.uk) and we will get one to you at some stage before Easter 2012!!!

