



**LISTENING...**  
**CARING...**  
**HELPING...**

**2012**  
**ANNUAL**  
**REPORT**

### THREE YEARS

It is almost three years since we held our first commissioning service at Christ Church in Ware – and the initial group of 16 volunteers headed out onto the streets for the first time. I remember the real sense of excitement mingled with fear... fear of the unknown more than fear of what we would find ... maybe? Today we have 23 volunteers with three taking sabbatical and including two new volunteers who are undergoing training at the moment. The team is fairly evenly split between Hertford and Ware, and male and female, with ages ranging from mid-20's to almost 80.

### STATISTICS

We record details of our activity and during the calendar year 2011, we clocked up 1044 volunteer hours, on 43.5 patrol on the streets assuming an average of 4 Street Pastors per patrol. On occasions we go out in teams of 3 ... hence the odd number. In addition, we pick up bottles (glass and plastic) metal cans and on one occasion a broken umbrella was left in a dangerous place. Flip Flops are handed out to those who cannot cope with their high heel shoes any longer, along with water, sweets and space blankets to those who are cold.



*Coffee break at Wetherspoons—The Six Templars, Hertford. We thank them for their generous support.*



*Brenda and John at Hertford Christmas Lights Pageant 2011*

### FROM THE STREETS

Here is an extract from the Senior Street Pastor's report on the 8th October 2010. Names have been changed for confidentiality reasons.

"Fairly quiet at the S but there was a girl from H in some considerable distress. We sat with her for some time while she tried and tried and tried to phone her friends inside for help. K had to help her with the phone and when she was desperate for a pee, the doormen were relieved to let K and A support her into the staff loo. Eventually her friends came out and drove her home.

In TW we gave a barefoot girl a pair of flip flops and a few paces on, a rather angry lady told us that she was didn't like to see her hard earned council tax being spent on looking after kids who should be able to look after themselves as she had done when she was young. She was quite aggressive but when we explained that we weren't council workers but unpaid volunteers from the local churches she was wholly won over."

## INVITATION

You are invited to accompany the Street Pastors on to the Streets of Hertford and Ware as an observer.

All welcome ... It is a condition that you sign a form and wear a high visibility jacket!

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**PRAYER**

We have a policy that we do not allow teams out on the streets with out a time of prayer with a Prayer Pastor praying with them for a short time. We are blessed to have small but faithful team of Prayer Pastors who come and pray with us. Off duty Street Pastor are encouraged to join the prayer team.

Would you be willing to join our team of Prayer Pastors—the more Prayer Pastors we have, the less often you will need to come!

We are also planning some 24 hour prayer events, and hope to have regular prayer letters in the not too distant future.



**Prayer is the biggest need for our work – we can't do it without you praying for us.**

Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live—1 Thesalonians 5:16-18

**FUNDING**

Our annual budget is £15,500 and in our first year this was funded in equal proportions between local government, Police and Churches.

Last year we were blessed by some large personal donations. Giving from local churches increased slightly. St Albans diocese has been generous to us over the past three years, will not continue in future years.

We have felt the impact of government cuts, but are grateful for every penny of support received. Thank you for to local government for what you have been able to do in these difficult times.

Thank you to churches in Hertford and Ware for the way you have supported us. It is much appreciated and even more important when you consider that funding



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from local government is significantly down on what it was last year. Whether is it planned giving or as a result of events, such as coffee mornings, retiring offerings or other fund raising your support is much appreciated.

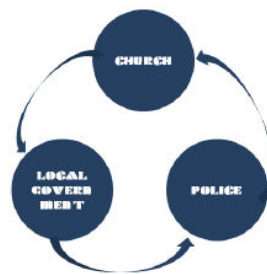
**Thank you to every person or organisation for your support.**

**CHALLENGE TO CHURCHES**

If each church based in the towns of Hertford and Ware were to make a donation of just £500 per church, our annual budget would be 50% funded.

The stamp of the Saint is that he can waive his own rights and obey the Lord Jesus.—CS Lewis

**URBAN TRINITY**



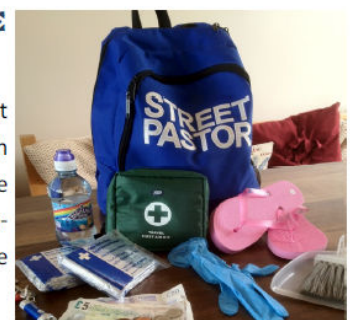
We are delighted to report that the Urban Trinity is alive and well in Hertford and Ware! Yes, we are blessed with good relations with all members of the urban trinity. Firstly, Local Government at Town, District and County level who have supported us morally and financially. Secondly Hertfordshire Constabulary who have supported us since our launch and with whom we enjoy a sound working relationship. Thirdly, Street Pastors enjoys regular contact with all of the churches in our Hertford and Ware at Church Leader level, with Churches Together forum and the many individuals who belong to these churches.

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**We thank God for every member of the Urban Trinity.**

**WHAT'S IN THE BAG**

The infamous bag that Street Pastors carry on patrol with some of the contents. The dustpan is used to pick broken glass. Flip Flops are the biggest line item.



**INTERESTING FACTS**

In 2011 we collected and disposed of

Bottles / Glass	786
Plastic	232
Cans	570

We Gave away

Flip Flops	165
Water	21
Blankets	13