



Kirkcaldy Street Pastors'

December Newsletter


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The Light has come into the world

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DECEMBER proved to be a month of raised profile for Kirkcaldy Street Pastors.



Commencing with a successful awareness stall at  in Kirkcaldy on 8th December when, amidst the busy ness of Christmas, kind shoppers stopped to chat, off load woes, share stories, ask who we were and what we did. At the "eleventh hour" one gentleman even expressed he was keen to join us. Hooray. If you are out there please make contact You know who you are

.... Things started to accelerate when Fife Free Press Reporter, Paul McDade phoned and asked if I could meet him regarding the article below (in part). Storm Barbara was brewing but nothing would keep me from getting ma photie taken in Kirkcaldy for the local rag. It was all a bit rushed just before Christmas but it was a lovely, surprise Chrissie present for KSP especially as it also featured on Thursday 29th December on "Fife Today" website.

'It's about showing Christian love and care ...'

Caring, listening and helping

on the streets ...



Phyllis Duncan of Kirkcaldy Street Pastors on the High Street; (inset above) Pastors at The Open, (below) Phyllis on patrol. (Main pic by FPA)

ars and clubs close their doors.
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up in bed?

Ian Spiers, who is also chairman of the Kirkcaldy branch, says it's about being a "good samaritan".

"For me it's showing people Christian love and care.

"You do hear some stories from people who are vulnerable who may be more inclined to talk when they've had a few drinks, and talk to someone they don't know, knowing that it won't go any further.

"It's about listening without being judgemental."

Training to be a Pastor can take up to a year and volunteers must have been members of a Christian fellowship for at least a year.

Phyllis added: "You also need to know the community and look at what is happening culturally in Kirkcaldy. We get a different clientele than the

Street Pastors get in Cowdenbeath for example.

"Ultimately, for me, it's about taking that practical love of Jesus out onto the streets without evangelising in a conventional way.

"People aren't really coming into the church today so if we can go out and show that we're caring and compassionate and non-judgemental, as well as being seen to be making a difference, then for me being a Christian, it's having the church in action on the streets.

"We can reach out to people who are searching or seeking and there are people like that out there. So being a Street Pastor gives me that opportunity.

"Our motto is 'Caring, Listening, Helping' and that's what we do."

HOGMANAY - EDINBURGH STREET PARTY

Edinburgh Street Pastors kindly invited Street Pastor initiatives to come and join in the celebrations on 31 December 2016. It was a very well organised event with crowds dispersing quickly. The busiest time for us



was between 2.00 am and 3.00 am when the "hard core" revellers were still out looking for more partying. We ran completely out of provisions - water, flip flops, lollipops !!!

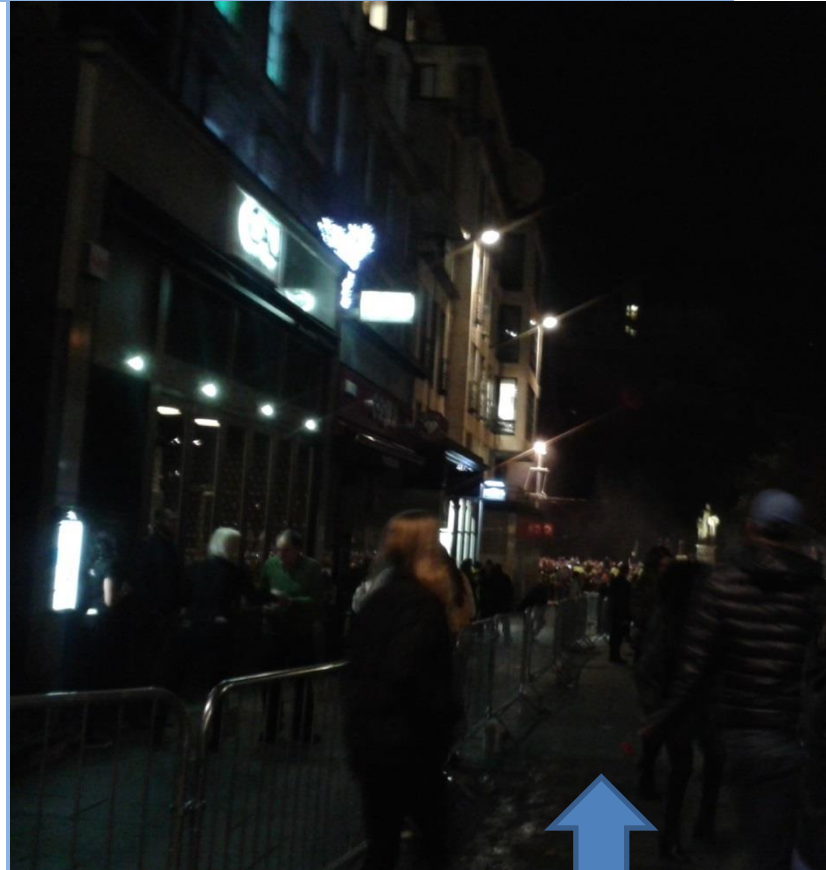
Praise and worship before setting out



(By the way NOT Kumbaya)

(Three glamorous ladies in George Street who were grateful for flip flops)

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We managed to find a quiet ?? spot just here to stand and observe.



This was in Castle Street opposite Edinburgh Castle at 11.55 pm. There was no point moving forward as the pedestrian traffic had come to a stand still in Princes Street. A sense of anticipated excitement filled the air before the magnificent Firework display kicked off. Countdown began and there it was –

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!

May this be a year of much blessing to all.

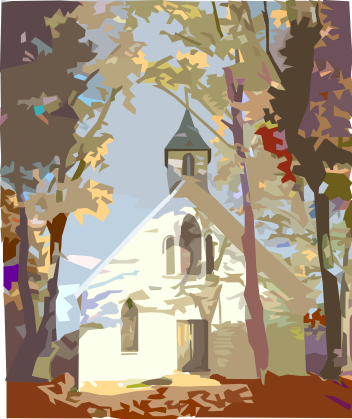
DATES FOR THE DIARY 2017

KIRKCALDY PATROLS Saturday 7th January 2017, 21st January 2017 and 28th January 2017.

KIRKCALDY STREET PASTORS – GET TOGETHER EVENING – Saturday 14TH January – Salvation Army Hall Kirkcaldy 7.30 pm

KSP BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING – 24TH January – St Bryce Kirk – 7 pm

PERTH STREET PASTORS TRAINING OPPORTUNITY – Speaking at Public Presentations – Saturday 28th January



If your church or organization would like us to come along and speak about **Street Pastors/Rail pastors** please contact me:

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WEEKLY PRAYER

Please contact **Mary Speirs** if you would like to be placed on the email list to receive our **post patrol weekly prayer diaries** which include details of what and who to pray for Email_speirs.j@btinternet.com

VERSE FOR DECEMBER

I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.

John 12:46 (NIV)

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Phyllis Duncan, Co-ordinator, Kirkcaldy Street Pastors.

Please remember we are always RECRUITING. Please contact me at kirkcaldy@streetpastors.org.uk if you would like to join with us one evening as an "observer"