



Prayer Diary

For Kirkcaldy Street Pastors Prayer Pastors Support Team

Saturday 29th September 2018

	Prayer Request
Team on Duty:	CM, JMCK, OG, GL & observer MV
Overview	The high street was reasonably busy; some establishments were busier than others.
Prayers, please:	<p>As the team walked along the high street, they had the opportunity to chat with each other and get to know a bit about the observer. The usual greetings and chat to passersby, many not wanting to engage in conversation whilst others happy with at least an acknowledgment.</p> <p>One young man decided to walk with the team asking how long they had been in the town etc. It's good to know people want to learn more about the work of Street Pastors in their community.</p> <p>Pray that the initiative continues to be accepted as a trusted facet of the Christian churches.</p>
	<p>Further along the high street one street pastor engaged in conversation with a gentleman; as the dialogue continued, it transpired the SP had babysat for the gent many years before. There is a saying 'A stranger is a friend you haven't met yet', although on this occasion it wasn't a stranger at all but someone from the past who was beyond recognition.</p> <p>Please pray that as individuals, we treat each other with respect.</p>
	<p>It's always a pleasure to meet a 'regular'; individuals within the team are building good relationships with some of the 'punters'. Bridges are being built and we pray that God's light is shining through the team to people they meet</p>
	<p>At the railway station, a young woman and her friend were sitting on the concrete platform with their shoes off. They were delighted to receive 'baffies' from the team.</p> <p>A few other young women 'reserved' footwear for later in the evening, they thought they would need them.</p> <p>Give thanks to all who donate to the initiative, through their generosity the team can bring smiles to the faces of the revellers, whether it is first aid, lollypops, slippers or a bottle of water.</p>
	<p>A group of young men shared some banter with the team and engaged in conversation about the football team they support.</p>

	<p>When they have time, the doormen are keen to engage in conversations with the SPs, between checking the revellers ID and suitability for entry to their establishment. It is reassuring to know that they see SPs as part of a bigger 'team' who want to ensure people feel their evening out is successful and wherever possible, safe and without incident. One owner talked about the demise of the nightlife in the town. He is planning to open another establishment to provide another attraction to the night time economy. Over the eight years of Street Pastors in the town, the culture has changed and it is a challenge to owners to remain in business.</p> <p>Pray for all who are employed to ensure the night time economy continues to be an attraction to the town.</p>
	<p>After the break the team was exchanging banter with a few young men, one took the opportunity to speak to a member of the team. 'Whit's it ye dae?' It transpired he had a negative experience with a faith whom he felt had 'brainwashed' his mum. It seems she passed away a few years ago but he was still carrying the burden of resentment. After the conversation he was more positive about Christianity but not less negative about the particular church.</p> <p>May Christians be proud of the diversity of their beliefs but aware of the detriment to their faith by any extremists</p>
	<p>A young woman who was from another church, raised a few issues about her beliefs, and voiced her concerns about whether she agreed with the teachings from her church leader.</p> <p>It is a privilege to be involved in these discussions and pray that people find the correct path for them.</p>
	<p>The team met a gentleman who was waiting on a lift home after a long shift. He was bemused by the 'sights' of the revellers and voiced his concern about offering help. In the current climate men are reluctant to offer assistance to anyone, lest it be misconstrued as inappropriate behaviour. Pray that people are astute and non judgemental when an individual offers help.</p>
	<p>A regular occurrence on a night out seems to be the disagreeing couple. One young man was the recipient of an onslaught of abuse from his partner; she didn't give him any opportunity to verbally defend himself. Pray couples can resolve their differences and realise that alcohol can be detrimental and can inflame situations out of all recognition.</p>
	<p>There seemed to have been a fracas outside one nightclub, a young man seemed distressed and was looking around the bushes outside. The team witnessed him prowling around the grounds and a young woman seemed to be trying to pacify him; meanwhile her friend was calling to her from outside the grounds. After a while a few other people assisted in the apparent search through the plants. It transpired the guy had thrown his phone, for some reason, and couldn't find it. The team did not intervene and assessed the situation from outside the grounds. Eventually the key players left and went off towards the taxis.</p>

Many thanks for your continued prayers and support for Kirkcaldy Street Pastors and the people they meet.
Pray for all the doormen, taxi drivers, waiting staff and barmen who often have a challenging shift.
Pray for support team who have been unfailing in their commitment on Saturday evenings; their contributions of fellowship and provisions are always greatly appreciated.

Blessings to all