



Kirkcaldy Street Pastors'



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SUMMER Newsletter

Commissioning Service - May -Congratulations

to our 2 new Street Pastors - LORRAINE BEVERIDGE and PHIL BEATON centre



Since May, Phil and Lorraine have been out each month, sometimes

twice, patrolling the streets of Kirkcaldy, meeting

with a wide variety of individuals and engaging in a number of meaningful conversations. Phyllis, Lorraine and Phil pictured with two new "friends" - Jackson and Bruno - unsure if they grasped what SPs were all about !!

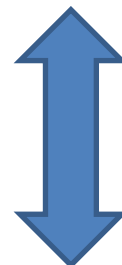
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(Lollies and tummy rubs perhaps?)

Congratulations also to **IAN SPEIRS**, Street Pastor and Chairperson of Kirkcaldy Street Pastors Management Committee and his wife, **MARY**, our Prayer Co-ordinator.

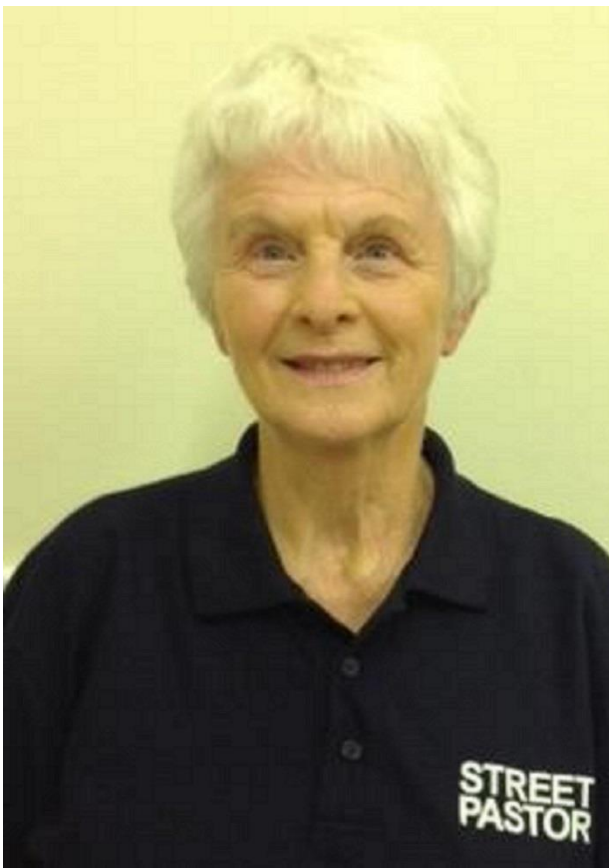


The Queensferry Crossing. Ian and his wife, Mary were successful entrants in the random ballot to select 50,000 lucky individuals to take part in a once in a lifetime walk across the new Forth bridge. Ian is using the opportunity to Fund raise for Street Pastors – **copy of Sponsor form with this newsletter** - or if you prefer, please visit our page at www.mydonate.bt.com to pledge your support. Ian and Mary's slot is on Saturday 2nd SEPTEMBER at 9.45 am.

WEEKLY PRAYER SUPPORT



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](mailto:speirs.j@btinternet.com)



SP STAR SPOT

Aileen

How come I get landed wi' all the good jobs ????



FAREWELL TO Aileen - OLDEST - BUT POSSIBLY ONE OF THE FITTEST MEMBERS OF THE KIRKCALDY INITIATIVE



Cringe !!



Could do with a wee bit more salt



Aye yer right

INTERVIEW WITH AILEEN

How long have you been a Street Pastor? *Almost 5 years. I was commissioned in August 2012 but had been out training prior to that.*

What stirred your interest in Street Pastors? *A lot of doors opened. I heard about it, then I saw some of the people who were doing it and also heard about it from the church who were looking for individuals to become Street Pastors. I felt there was so many doors opening about it that I felt it was something I was meant to do.*

How did you progress that sense of a door opening?

After getting in touch by phone, I met with the Co-ordinator and we had tea, a chat and cake !! I was invited to go out with a patrol to see what it was all about.

What were your thoughts on the first night of your patrol?

Probably having to stay silent – which was not easy for me!! As a probationer /observer I didn't have a lot of interaction. And I had to try to stay back unless spoken to.

How did you feel about that? *I respected the rules in the sense I was there as an observer /probationer. I was there to learn. I didn't feel uncomfortable as I had everything expected of me explained.*

Was the night time experience what you expected it to be and how did it impact on you? *It was hard sometimes to hold back talking about the Bible but most times it was just the case of showing God's love by words and actions. Found it fine. Quite long till 3.30 in the morning, especially if it was cold.*

Why are you now retiring? *Actually I have the feeling I have done my time and sense I am maybe being asked to do something else now, just know from over months past of not being as fired up and passionate and feel this is maybe a message which I should be listening to.*

I understand Aileen that you are not leaving Kirkcaldy Street Pastors completely? *No – I am still on the Management Committee where I have served since 2014.*

What are some of your most significant memories of being on the streets?

Over the years there are quite a few significant memories. Just being there listening and doing something practical like providing coffee, sandwiches etc. but mostly having a listening ear and having a laugh. We had a lot of laughter and I felt it was quite important that we had this.

What were your special moments?. *Dancing with people in the street and being on so many "selfies" which I didn't know too much about at all, being hugged and people being aware of us and that awareness growing. It wasn't about Bible bashing it was listening and caring for them and giving them something they needed by way of a listening ear. People think I am a talker all the time but I can listen!! Also just knowing that we are not anything official, that we were just there for them, meeting a different need from the police.*

What do feel that you have left behind as your legacy from KSP? *Part of my legacy – people saw the age I was – I was older and that gave them an opening to say "gran you should be home in your bed" and that opened the way for a bit of laughter, conversation and big hugs. People weren't aware that this was inappropriate, they felt it was Ok to give me a big hug or a kiss on the cheek. Maybe they would hold back with a young person but they felt comfortable and would lift me off the ground cos I'm small. Even with the other members of the Street Pastors' teams we had a good laugh observing some of the antics on the streets, finding sticky sweets in the SP bag and getting gunged up. ... There was also the social aspect as well. We always had good fun and if we had "disasters" during our "events" they didn't turn out to be disasters because God's hand was always on them.*

What advice would you give to someone contemplating becoming a SP? *I would say that they would have to be very comfortable out on the streets late at night. I actually was never frightened but I think if you walk with God you should not have a great fear, but in saying that*

you have to keep within certain parameters. We don't go up dark alley ways. We have to be sensible . Try not to isolate yourself from the team. There are other people around you and there are means available to get help. If there was real trouble we are told we have to step back, it's not a matter of being brave – it is a matter of knowing how and when to step back. This is all covered in the training which should run concurrently with the practical patrols. I would recommend individuals go out one night and find out if it's for them - to go out, and be with a team, form an opinion whether they like this or that, but go without a fear that you have to have a lot of Bible knowledge and quotes from the Bible, because this is not what it is about. It is about showing care, compassion and a listening ear and also accepting “yes, you are going to get cold,” “yes, you are going to get wet”, but that is a side issue if you really want to do street pastoring and you really feel this is a door opened for you. If you have that thought in your head you need to take it further, pray about it and do it. Prayer is also important. SPs require to be covered by prayer each night they are out and the people they come in contact with also require to be prayed over either on the street or back at base. Prayer is an integral part of the SP movement and it is necessary to keep yourself and your fellow team members steeped in prayer.

Which part did you least like about Street pastors? To be honest, the hours, half past three was definitely late enough. However you just set yourself to adhere to that finishing time. The weather was not a deterrent, although I was glad when it was dry. It would be nice to stop at 1 am.!!!

Thank you Aileen. You are a remarkable lady and inspiration to us all at Kirkcaldy SP. Aileen is out on her last patrol on 12th August 2017. Should you be out on the streets of Kirkcaldy Town Centre that evening/morning please make yourself known to her – a hug and a thanks will not go amiss !!

STREET PASTOR ROTA AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

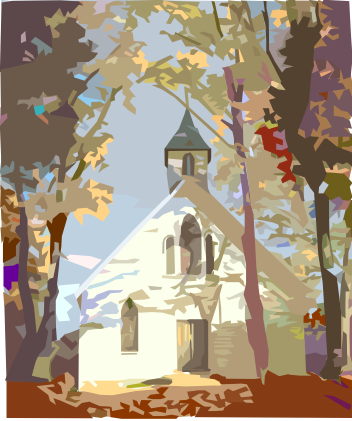
SATURDAYS

		AUGUST	
		18th or 19TH	26TH
5TH	12TH		
Graham	Jimmy	Alan Kimmitt	Phyllis
Catherine	Laura	Suzie Anderson	Pauline
Ian	Phil	Rail Pastors	Bob
Heather	Aileen	No Street Pastors	Lorraine
Phyllis Rail Pastors			
		SEPTEMBER	
2nd	9th	16th	23rd
Graham		Jimmy	Phyllis
Catherine		Heather	Pauline
Suzie		Laura	Bob
		Phil	Lorraine
			Rail Pastors – Suzie and Alan

DATES FOR THE DIARY

KSP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING– St Bryce Kirk, 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 29th August 2017

Templehall Gala – Saturday 19th August 11 am – 4 pm (approx.)



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VERSE FOR SUMMER (NIV)

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy ... 1/2 *Isaiah 35 NIV*

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Phyllis Duncan, Co-ordinator, Kirkcaldy Street Pastors.



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