

OXFORD STREET PASTORS

Listening, Caring, Helping

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Malcolm's story



"I became a street pastor because my wife Gillian became one and was so enthusiastic about her experience that I decided I could not miss out on all that she experienced. I also used to sit as a judge dealing with crime arising from the night time economy but had never experienced that world myself. I was fascinated by all involved whether the customers (young and not so young), the night club staff (very impressive), the food outlets (very friendly), the police (so grateful), the taxi rank marshals etc. Everyone was invariably pleased to see us. We are able to do such valuable work demonstrating our faith in action."



Ceremony of Thanksgiving & Commissioning

We recently held this ceremony at St. Michael at The North Gate in order to Commission new members of the team and to celebrate and give thanks for all those who help us carry out our work. We invited all of our team both past and present, and all supporters,

partners and those who help to fund us or otherwise enable us to continue to serve on the city streets. It was a well-attended and most enjoyable event which we will hopefully repeat on an annual basis.

Oxford Street Pastors is a registered charity (Charity number 1155694)

If you would like to find out more about us, or perhaps are thinking of joining our team -

Please get in touch, there is no obligation and we are happy to talk, email, message or meet with you! oxford@streetpastors.org.uk or 07910 758363. Take a look at our website: www.streetpastors.org/locations/oxford

1. You can chat to a current street pastor to find out what it is really like.
2. You can come out on a shift as an observer with no obligation at all.
3. Find out from our Coordinator what the training involves oxford@streetpastors.org.uk
Note that costs are covered by the organisation.
4. Talk to your minister / vicar and get a reference to go with your application form.

Once you decide to go ahead you can take part in training:

1. Completing the Roles and Responsibilities training day is the first step. Courses are run in the area every few months and this one is face to face.
2. Get into uniform and get going! Once you have done the training day then you will be able to go out on shift as a part of the team.
3. Other training modules can be completed when you have time. They include courses on mental health, alcohol and drugs and youth culture. We also learn about the local NightSafe partnership and our role in preventing violence against women and girls.
4. Once you have completed the courses you can be commissioned as a fully trained street pastor.

And finally.....We would be grateful for your prayers!

Please pray for our team as they undertake their weekend shifts, Christ's work in action
on the city streets.