

## DEANERY PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

Thank you for your continued prayers for the churches and people of our deanery. In October we will focus our prayers on the work of Maidstone Street Pastors.



Coordinator Nigel Downes writes:

"Many of you will know of the work of Maidstone Street Pastors, indeed, many of Maidstone's Churches have either Street or Prayer Pastors in their congregation.

Please pray:

- ♦ For all those who work as Street and Prayer Pastors – for the last 10 years, they have been out on our town centre streets from 10pm on a Saturday night to around 3am on a Sunday morning – to care for, look after and listen to those that may be vulnerable. Street Pastors do not preach on the street, they are there to care, listen and help by showing God's love to help one another.
- ♦ For those who need their support – a vulnerable person could be a young man who has overdosed on drugs or who has had too much to drink, it could be a young lady on her own after being separated from her friends, it could be one of our many homeless community who could be ill, hungry, cold or need a sleeping bag, or, just about anyone.
- ♦ For more volunteers to join us; our volunteers give their time once a month (we have four teams, one team out each week). All Street Pastors have training to equip them to be able to do this work. They are uniformed to make them recognisable on the street. They give out supplies (bottled water, flip-flops, sick bags, foil blankets, hot drinks and sandwiches plus basic first aid).
- ♦ For continued financial support – all this training, uniform and equipment come at a cost which has to be covered by donations and grants.
- ♦ That this vital service, which provides valuable support for the Police, Council, Churches and other agencies can be maintained in Maidstone, into the future.

.Thank you so much for your prayers."

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the work of Street Pastors would be welcome to join them one Saturday night as an observer to see first-hand what and why they do what they do!

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