

We welcome YOU today..please stay for coffee/tea afterwards

Songlist for 10am

(before Strength will rise/Welcome)

582 Restore, O Lord

It's time for us to live the songs we sing

33 And did those feet

709 We are marching

717 We'll walk the land



John Trotman is one of 3 Street Pastors in our congregation; John also serves as a Prayer Pastor. At the recent 3rd Commissioning Service 20 new Street Pastors & many Prayer Pastors were commissioned, bringing the current totals to 72 SPs, 27 PPs, 23 Home Prayers & 179 Friends.

An average Saturday night:

John says 'We meet between 9.30 and 9.55pm at the Riviera Life Centre, our base in Torquay, where we are lucky to have a dedicated room. This is where our 3 or 4 Prayer Pastors stay all evening. Before the 2 teams of 4 set out, we check & restock our equipment; in our bags we will have 1st Aid (we are all trained), bottles of water, flip flops, space blankets, and we carry a dedicated mobile 'phone and a NiteNet radio. As we leave for our 1st shift, our Prayer Pastors pray us out – this is mainly a 'meet & greet' walk around the harbourside and bottom of town, we are unlikely to have any 'situations' this early. We have contact with the security door staff, police and in summer and at Christmas we have the Safe Bus parked outside Debenhams. This is where we can take someone who is upset or needs to sober up before a taxi can take them home.

'One of the teams goes back to base at 11.30pm for a half hour break, leaving one team out till midnight. We never leave the streets unpatrolled. Out on our 2nd shift, things can start to crop up: perhaps a young girl has become separated from her friends, is very drunk and needs us to ring her mum to come and get her.

'We keep in contact with base and our Prayer Pastors so that they can pray for the folk and situations on the street. After another hour and a half, we walk back up for a coffee, perhaps a piece of cake and a chat with the Prayer Pastors.

'Out again for a final walk, and a time when a fight used to break out and we could be on the periphery, calming bystanders. This is much less likely these days as things on the street have become quieter as the presence of the Street Pastors has calmed the town. The problems that do occur are generally to do with relationships or drink. We walk the town in all weathers, always (an insurance requirement) in our uniform displaying the logo. We try to start back to base the last time by 0345, but on occasion an incident has resulted in us being later.

'Our aim is to see that people out for an evening return home safely, sometimes we have an opportunity to share our faith but mostly we are 'being Jesus on the streets.' One woman returned to thank us for preventing her from committing suicide as one evening Street Pastors listened to her and took care of her.

'Things people say to us:

"Do you do this for nothing?"

"We hope you are safe tonight too."

'After a debrief and final prayers, we all set off for home, hopefully getting to bed between 0430 and 0500.'

To find out more about the Street Pastors, or to become a supporting Friend, speak to John, Zoe or Jan. ring Ros Ede on 873529, perhaps watch 'Watchmen of the Night' <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bp3udwWspcA>

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THIS WEEK

please note the PCC meeting this week is changed to Weds 14 July @ 7.30pm [Bastille Day!]

On **Sat 17 July** at St Mary Magdalene (above Castle Circus) there is a Car Boot Sale & Fun Day commencing 10am [fun, food, bouncy castle etc] part of the proceeds will go to the **Torch Project**.

Or (same day) why not try the **Beetle Drive** at **St Andrew's** at 3pm includes refreshments £2 (or £5 per family).

And on **Sunday 18th** if you go down to **Torre Abbey** you can cheer on some of our folk with St Andrew's racing in the great Pedal Car Race.

Sat 24 July 10am – noon

Coffee morning /bacon rolls/home made cakes

proceeds to The Christie cancer centre & St John's

Please look out your unwanted books, cds, dvds, etc. Donations of cakes & raffle prizes very welcome. Please see Lynn Cavanna

HEALING ROOMS

COMMENCES HERE IN CHURCH ON FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

BETWEEN 6 & 8.30PM

WEEKLY

open to all to come and receive prayer for healing

DID YOU REALISE

The tall cardboard bin at the back of church which often gets rubbish dumped in it is actually a receptacle for used computer ink cartridges.

Rob McGovern has just arranged for £45.70 to be paid into the church account from the last collection. There is an updated list available in church

or you can email Leisa lcmcgv@blueyonder.co.uk our church warden for information. But please bring in your used cartridges and drop them in the bin.

Raising funds has never been simpler.