



UPDATE: 12 November 2020 STREET PASTORS, INVERNESS

“Restore us, O God Almighty; make Your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.” [Jeremiah 10, NIV]

Praise, Thanks and Encouragement:

1. Praise Jesus for His grace and His light that shines on us and for opportunities to be channels of that light and grace as we interact with people, in person or in other ways.
2. Praise for contacts, conversations, and answers to prayer on patrol, even in the shorter times out on the streets & with fewer people around. Patrols have also re-started in Hilton & Merkinch. Faith to believe that just our presence while patrolling – & God’s presence in us – is of value and effect.
3. Give thanks that the majority of local people are observing the safety guidelines, whether re covid-19 or on recent Bonfire night.
4. Give thanks for financial provision during this time, whilst continuing to pray for an increase as needed in the days ahead.
5. Thanks for continuing good relationships with our partners – police, council, other services.



Prayer Pointers: (spend some time first ‘listening’ to God, so He can lead us how to pray – items below are some suggestions)

1. **Patrols:** The patrols planned for the remainder of **November** are:

Sat. 14	20.00 – 22.00	City Centre
Thurs. 19	10.30 am -12.30	City Centre
Fri. 16	20.00 - 22.00	Hilton, Cycle Pastors
Wed. 25	10.00 -12.00	City Centre
Sat. 28	20.00 – 22.30	City Centre



(some patrol times tbc, e.g. due to changes in govt guidelines, closing times of licensed premises, etc)

Some recent requests/thanks from patrols

- Pray for those struggling to keep faith during the pandemic
- Pray for those in situations of addictions, domestic violence, mental health problems, suicide...
- Pray for those we haven’t seen recently on the streets and we wonder where/how they are.
- Give thanks for the person who bought boots for one of the Big Issue sellers
- Shops in some housing estate areas are still struggling with a significant minority of people who ignore social distancing, face coverings etc.
- Pray for resilience, good sleep and patience for those working in health, social care and wellbeing services.
- Pray for contacts with businesses or night/day time economy workers, who are facing no work or, for some, too much work!
- Thanks for on-going contributions of food banks, Foodstuffs, and other similar provision.

2. **Plans for the December Festive Season and Operation Respect:** police and the community

safety partnership are concerned that this year’s parties & celebrations may take place more in homes, housing estate areas, campsites, airb&b, etc, rather than in the city centre and be harder to monitor, potentially less safe to access help should something go wrong. It seems unlikely that SPs will have a Safe Zone during this time and the Red Cross are no longer available to partner in the scheme. Pls pray for guidance and ability for SPs to be flexible and creative in how best to be available to ‘listen, care and help’ and for the planning of the Dec. SP patrols rota..



3. Training & Recruitment: In general, this has been postponed until the New Year/early Spring. The first foundation training session requires people to be able to meet and interact in person, so is not transferable to only on-line. Some of the modules however are being adapted for digital transmission, eg. pls. pray for **“Good News” training** via zoom on **Wed. 18 Nov.** 7-9pm. Pray too that those who are interested in becoming SPs or PPs will be patient in the waiting!

Team leaders – whilst all out on patrol work together as teams, pls. pray for those SPs who have recently taken on the new responsibility of being a teamleader.