



UPDATE: **December 2021** STREET PASTORS, INVERNESS

***“But will God really live on the earth? Why, even the highest heavens cannot contain You... The Word was made human and made his home among us...”***

[1 Kings 8: 27 + John 1: 14)



***Praise, Thanks and Encouragement:***

1. Praise God for His incredible love and humility that in Jesus He came and lived among us and made a way for us to live in fellowship with Him, now and eternally!
2. Give thanks for another opportunity for December patrols and sharing in 'Operation Respect' during the Christmas and New Year period in our city.
3. Praise for the helpful Retreat Day for the Management Committee members at The Coach House, Kilmuir, with time and space for refreshment & listening, prayer & discussion re Inverness SPs.



***Prayer Pointers:*** (pls. ask for strength, energy, wisdom, good teamwork & safety – as well as being in the right place at the right time, as God leads.)

**1. December patrol dates:**

Fri.	3	Night	9.00 - 01.00	City Centre
Tues.	7	Daytime	1.00 - 3.00	City Centre
Fri.	10	Evening	8.00 - 10.00	Hilton
Sat.	11	Night	10.00 - 03.00	City Centre
Wed.	15	Daytime	09.45 - 11.45	City Centre
Thurs.	16	Daytime	12.00 - 2.00	City Centre
Fri.	17	Night	10.00 - 03.00	City Centre
Sat.	18	Night	10.00 - 03.00	City Centre
Wed.	22	Daytime	09.45 - 11.45	City Centre
Fri.	31	Night	10.00 – 03.00	City Centre, Hogmanay



**2. December/Operation Respect (Festive Safety Initiative):** Please pray for all involved – police, first aiders & paramedics, BID, Street Pastors and others – during the day, evening, and especially at night. Ask that God’s light shines into dark places and situations, that help will be available when/where needed, and that opportunities to share the real ‘reason for the season’ will be open up and be taken. Give thanks that Café 1668 in Church St. will be available as a “Safe Zone” for those needing it on Fri & Sat. nights through this month, starting tonight (3<sup>rd</sup>). Pray for those involved in providing this, including first aiders, and for it to be a valuable resource. Pray too for SP initiatives and patrols in other parts of Scotland and the UK over the festive period.



**3. Domestic Abuse:** Current national & local campaign to reduce violence - against women & girls (in particular, but not only). Prevalent at all levels and places, often hidden. Awareness/wisdom/guidance for any SP patrols that meet people who are/have been involved in such abuse/violence. Pray that SPs may also be good role models of the Prince of peace, even in such short-term contacts.

**4. Commissioning Service, Sunday 23rd January at 6pm,** to be held in Culduthel Christian Centre. This is very overdue for those who trained as SPs/PPs in early 2020. We wanted to do it in person not virtually! Please pray for the planning – and please COME - all are welcome.

**5. A few recent prayer requests etc. eg. from recent patrol reports.** Pls. pr. for -

- A. to return to his faith in Jesus. R. to get his new accommodation sorted out. G. starting on her detox programme.
- Praise for answered prayer for 2 people to be reunited and safely got to taxi rank; for peace after a street scuffle; and for helpful security staff (doormen) and members of the public.
- A. in need of good friendship, guidance for the future, learning English, growing faith
- SPs undertaking speaking engagements
- Contacts developed by Christina, City Centre Workplace Chaplain. Staff in shops, businesses, face some difficult situations & vulnerability. Pray too for reduction in shop-lifting esp.this season.

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