



## UPDATE: JUNE – JULY 2025

*So let's do it—full of belief, confident that we're presentable inside and out. Let's keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. He always keeps his word. Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.*

Hebrews 10:22-25 (The Message)

### Which Direction?

We have had a period of prayerful reflection at Ness Pastors. This means looking at what we have done and seeking His direction to guide us to where we should be in three years' time.

In 2024 we tallied nearly 3,000 conversations. These will range from the fun and trivial to deep, meaningful and sometimes challenging. About twice a week we were approached to discuss spiritual matters.

Always, we provide care to the person in front of us without judgement. We may be able to provide practical assistance or to signpost people to where they can get help. Always, we listen. We rarely discover the outcome of our conversations, although that is not always the case.

A man came to tell a recent patrol that about 15 years ago he had been begging on Church Street, homeless and struggling with drugs and alcohol. We managed to find him overnight accommodation and set him on the path to sorting his life out. He now has a home and family.



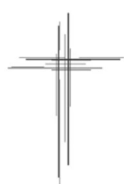
*When the vital part of the signpost is missing, you need to ask for direction.*

Our presence on the street, measured in hours, has doubled since the pandemic. This is in a climate when many charities are finding it harder to get volunteers. As a minimum we would like to double this again, knowing that with the grace of God, sharing His love, we can and do make a difference.

## Patrol Dates – all currently in the City Centre

June		July	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 - 12:00	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 - 12:00
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	22:00 - 01:00	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	22:00 - 01:00
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 - 12:00	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	22:00 - 03:00	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	22:00 - 03:00
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 - 12:00	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 - 12:00
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	22:00 - 01:00	Pay weekend - August	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	22:00 - 03:00	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	22:00 - 01:00
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 - 12:00	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	22:00 - 03:00

## Points for Prayer



*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.* James 5:13-15 (NIV)

Give prayerful thanks for the privilege of being part of God's mission on Earth, sharing his love by action. Thanks too for the support for our work in all its forms: boots on the street; administration; family members; our city partners; Ascension Trust Scotland - all powered by prayer.

Please pray for sustainable growth in the four pillars of our vision

- ∞ **Church Engagement.** We are the church on the street and currently have 20 sending churches. Please pray for people to champion our cause.
- ∞ **Recruitment and Training.** This is coming. Give prayerful consideration whether this is your season to join our team either as a Street or Prayer Pastor.
- ∞ **Fundraising.** This is always a challenge. We would like to have enough to recruit a new coordinator. Regular, small donations are a lifeline for forward planning.
- ∞ **Management.** Pray always for wisdom and team working, so that we are able to share tasks and make better use of the skills of our volunteers.

Finally give thanks for those we have been able to help in the past and in the future. May they see that it is God's strength and love that drives us so that they too may have a sense of hope for the future.

Pray His peace over the city of Inverness and the people. For the lost, the lonely and the downright frightened. Each is unique and loved.

Thank you for your prayers and remember

*And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'* Matthew 25:40 (NLT)

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