

Perth Newsletter

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Free Offers !

Reporting on 2022

1. for all Christians :

This spring will see the start of the next training course for new Street Pastors ... it involves some modules which may be of interest to members of congregations, e.g. on listening skills, mental health, drugs and alcohol, youth culture, showing/sharing God's good news, etc.

If you are interested either in becoming a Street Pastor or without any commitment taking one or more of the modules contact perth@streetpastors.org.uk

Folk who are interested in finding out about Street Pastors can come out as observers !

2. for 16-25 year olds :

a short eyeopener module looking at wellbeing and showing/sharing good news has been prepared with this age group in mind. It lasts a total of 4 hours with some practical experience. **If you have folk in that age group in your congregation, do let them know.** It is a case of contacting perth@streetpastors.org.uk

This year sees the **15th** anniversary of Street Pastors starting in Perth, one of the first three areas in Scotland. There are now Street Pastors in over 20 areas in Scotland, with one new area in 2022 and two possible new areas in line for 2023.

Street Pastors are on patrol almost every Friday and Saturday night from 9pm-1am, are at Perth Grammar School on Friday lunchtimes, and weekly visit asylum seekers in a Perth hotel.

Patrols are backed by those who pray for them. This is greatly valued. More folk willing to pray at home would be appreciated : interested? ...then contact perth@streetpastors.org.uk

The latest...

... edition of Collins Dictionary includes a new word from 2022 - **permacrisis**, describing an extended period of instability and insecurity", e.g pandemic, climate change, the invasion of Ukraine and the consequent rise in the cost of living with its related industrial tensions, political hassles, **etc., etc.**



In contrast to the current permacrisis the Christian faith offers everyone an operational framework of stability and security in a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Christmas reminded us that it was into an occupied country with injustices and refugees that Jesus came. He is "the same, yesterday, today and for ever" a sure and certain hope on which to build our personal, home and global lives.

The next ...

... commissioning service will be in **TCF, Paradise Place, Perth at 7.00 pm on Thursday 23rd February 2023** followed by tea/coffee. Everyone is invited.

Please pass this on to your congregation



Isabel Sinclair and Gordon Loudon with the Douglas Bader memorial Quaich awarded for commitment to Perth Grammar school