

# Kirkcaldy Street Pastors'

# November Newsletter

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November - A time of Thanksgiving !!! As Americans celebrate with turkey and pumpkin pie, Kirkcaldy Street pastors have also had much to be thankful for

My Donate



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Our application to BT "My Donate" became live so now folks on the streets can go on line to give to our cause.

Easy to use - Go to the mydonate.bt website – search for our charity - Kirkcaldy Street Pastors and our profile page should appear.



Our application for funding was approved by Edinburgh Airport Community Board. Thank you.

#### The return of Catherine to our streets. Welcome back Catherine !!!



According to the Saturday report, Catherine's first night would appear to be a relatively jovial and friendly one – here is a short excerpt ....

A dry and relatively mild night. Streets were busier than previous; many 'works' Christmas nights out, creating a friendly atmosphere...... Earlier in the evening, Street pastors gave assistance to an ill man and his friend. We were thanked and we then went our separate ways. Much later on, the friend of the man saw us again and in a brief conversation of gratitude, told us that by being on the streets and doing what we do... "love is love."



There is no greater thing ....

# RAIL PASTOR NEWS - here is an excerpt from one November patrol ....



We boarded a very busy train to Haymarket and spoke with a number of passengers on a night out including one gentleman who was a Christian giving out tracts to people he met. Some passengers on the train were asking advice about their return journey. While speaking with these passengers we were asked by rail staff to move to the front of the carriage as a door had developed a fault and the aisle needed to be kept clear. At Haymarket we patrolled the platform and station. We met a homeless man, who told us of his story, He was a recovered alcoholic who had been clear for 2 years but also battled a Valium addiction. He was a qualified joiner who still hadn't managed to find work or a place to stay. We gave him advice and encouragement. We moved on to Waverley Station and spoke with 2 groups of officers from BTP who were happy to see us and supportive. We spoke with passengers who gave us positive encouragement and also spoke with a homeless man at the entrance to Waverley station. We had planned to leave Waverley station getting back on the Fife Circle line. On boarding the train however, we were stuck for some time in the tunnel before Haymarket. The train in front had an incident, a fight which was being dealt with by police, causing our train a delay. We took the role of supporting frustrated passengers, giving encouragement. We told them about what we do and listened to their life stories. We met a man who was ex-military, a woman who was an ex Jehovah witness but now a non-believer, and a lady who worked in relocating military personnel after their service. We started singing Carols with these passengers and others who joined in, and it was wonderful to hear a carriage packed with passengers singing "Amazing Grace" instead of complaining about the delay. (Hopefully grace was extended to Scotrail in respect of the hold-up)



If your church or organization would like us to come along and speak about

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#### DATES FOR THE DIARY

### ASDA PROMOTIONAL STALL/AWARENESS AFTERNOON - THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1 – 4 PM

KIRKCALDY PATROLS Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

EDINBURGH – Hogmanay Street Party – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 – invitation to all Street Pastors to attend.

CHRISTMAS MEAL – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, Duchess Restaurant, Kirkcaldy.

KIRKCALDY STREET PASTORS – GET TOGETHER EVENING – Saturday 14<sup>TH</sup> January – Salvation Army Hall Kirkcaldy 7.30 pm KSP BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING – 24<sup>TH</sup> January – St Bryce Kirk – 7 pm



## **WEEKLY PRAYER**

Please contact Mary Speirs if you would like to be placed on the email list to receive our post patrol weekly prayer diaries which include details of what and who to pray for <a href="Email speirs.j@btinternet.com">Email speirs.j@btinternet.com</a>

Verse for November A time of thanksgiving and remembrance Psalm 34:18 (NIV) "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Phyllis Duncan, Co-ordinator, Kirkcaldy Street Pastors.

