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#### Becky Moves On Lin Moves In

Our Street Angels' co-ordinator, Becky Edmonds, has now left her role as Street Angels Co-ordinator and is moving with her family to Malmesbury in Wiltshire where Ben, her husband, will be taking up a new job opportunity. Becky will be missed by all of us - Street Angels and all our partners. She has brought an enormous amount of enthusiasm to the project, and has worked really hard to help establish Street Angels on a sound footing in Guildford. We are very grateful for all that Becky has contributed and wish her, Ben and their children all the very best for their new life in Wiltshire.







#### Can We Help Can You Help?

On a number of occasions we have been asked if we could provide a Street Angels team for Monday nights. Why? It's student night! The student population comes into Guildford to enjoy themselves on this night each week in numbers. Our first reaction was to say 'no' because our Street Angels need to get up on Tuesday like everyone else and get on with their day. However, we have been considering this and wonder if there might just be people who could be out on the streets helping on a Monday night, because Tuesday is not a working day for them. It might be that you are retired, semi-retired, early-retired, or that Tuesday is your day off, and once a month you wouldn't mind giving up your sleep for one night to be a part of this very successful initiative. Could this be of interest to you? Can you help us to help our town one more night per week? If this is of interest to you, please contact us. Lin Haynes would love to hear from you about this so contact her on lin.haynes@gtcc.org.uk or phone on 07717 876853.

#### It's a Long Way Down

We have been invited to take part in an event at Guildford Cathedral on 11th June, and as part of that Rod Boreham, our Town Centre Chaplain, is going to take on the challenge of abseiling down the Cathedral in order to try and raise money for Street Angels. Please support him! A sponsorship page has been set up at <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/Rod-Boreham">www.justgiving.com/Rod-Boreham</a> and Rod would be very grateful for any sponsorship you can give.





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#### Kilimanjaro Challenge 2011

Because of the low level of people taking up this challenge for 2011, we will not be sending our own teams to ascend Kilimanjaro this year. However, it may just be that you are longing to test your strength and willpower against this amazing natural wonder. And in the process, you would like to raise money for the Town Centre Chaplaincy and Street Angels. Then you still can! You would simply be asked to join another group undertaking the climb. The element that would be missing, would be the week spent after the climb working with a local project as a volunteer. This may just suit a number of



people who can only get away for a week, however. So if you are up for it, then please get in touch as soon as possible. We would love to hear from you. For more details call 07802 957938 or email <a href="mailto:julian.lomas@gtcc.org.uk">julian.lomas@gtcc.org.uk</a>

#### **HRH meets GTCC**

His Royal Highness, Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex visited a number of projects in and around the Guildford area. In the course of that visit he came to the YMCA in Guildford, and while there met Rod Boreham, the Town Centre Chaplain, and some Street Angels. He showed real interest in the work that Street Angels were doing, showed an understanding of the challenges faced and expressed appreciation for the care we offer on the streets of Guildford in the wee small hours of the night.



#### Fundraise for GTCC on eBay

You can now donate some or all of the proceeds of your eBay sales to Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy. Selling things you no longer need on eBay is simple, fun and a great way to ensure they go to good use with someone who wants them beats recycling any day! And now, when you sell stuff on eBay you can donate between 10% and 100% of the proceeds to Guildford Town centre Chaplaincy. All you have to do is visit our home page on eBay (<a href="http://donations.ebay.co.uk/charity/charity.jsp?NP\_ID=39882">http://donations.ebay.co.uk/charity/charity.jsp?NP\_ID=39882</a>) or find us when you list items through eBay's sell for charity function. So why not give it a go, you can help GTCC and the environment at the same time!



It's a walk in the park well, nearly!

Would you like to do some personal fundraising on behalf of the Guildford Town Chaplaincy and Street Angels that doesn't demand too much energy or physical prowess?

**JUST WALK** is an exciting sponsored walk organised by **Across the Divide** for anyone, including children, wanting to fundraise for a UK charity of their choice. With a range of walks (10km, 20km, 40km or

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60km) for everyone from children and families to enthusiastic walkers, it is an ideal way to get fit and raise money for Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy. And, of course, you get to enjoy the beautiful West Sussex countryside!

This is an opportunity to get out in the beautiful fresh air, enjoy the Springtime weather, get some gentle exercise, enjoy the company of friends and strangers, and in the process, raise some money for the continuing work of Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy.

All the walks start from Goodwood Racecourse near Chichester on Saturday 7th May 2011. For a small fee all the essentials are organised for you and you get a T-shirt and certificate at the end of the walk. You can find out more by visiting the JUST WALK webpage at <a href="http://www.acrossthedivide.com/index.php/products/event/p-00251.html">http://www.acrossthedivide.com/index.php/products/event/p-00251.html</a>.

We're sure you'll have a great time fundraising and doing this event. Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy has linked up with **Justgiving.com** to help you create your own online fundraising page for JUST WALK 2011. Justgiving.com is a really easy and fast way to collect sponsorship you can set yourself a target, let all your friends, family and colleagues know about it, and watch as the donations flood in!

Justgiving.com makes it really simple to let people know about what you're doing you can email your page to family and friends around the world or add the Justgiving application to your **Facebook** page - all of which can save you, and those who want to support you, a lot of time and effort.

If you have any questions please contact Julian Lomas on 07802 957938 or at <u>julian.lomas@gtcc.org.uk</u>. Or visit our webpage at www.gtcc.org.uk



