

Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy

Newsletter



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More Angels on Our Streets

On 17th October we held the Commissioning Service for the latest round of recruits. Around 40 new Street Angels came to Guildford Baptist Church, Millmead Centre to be officially sent on their way. We were joined by the Mayor, Councillor Marsha Mosley; Guildford MP and Minister for Public Health, Anne Milton; and the Chief Constable of Surrey, Mark Rowley, who all gave very supportive contributions and expressed their appreciation of the work that Street Angels do every weekend to bring love and care to the streets and night-time economy of Guildford.

The new recruits have added a real boost, with teams going back up to ten or twelve people each weekend, when they had sometimes been as low as four or five in recent months. There are still a few who are yet to go out on the streets for the first time, but the majority have now done their first duty and all have done very well and seemed to enjoy it.

After the Commissioning Service there was also a reception for all the people who joined one of two teams to climb Kilimanjaro and work in a local Tanzanian project, in order to raise money for the Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy and the local African charities. Around £30,000 was raised in total to be shared between the three charities. Very many thanks again to all who took part and gave so enthusiastically of their time and energy to scale the heights of Kilimanjaro.

We will be climbing Kilimanjaro again in 2011! See page 2 for further details.

Becky is Back

Our Street Angels' co-ordinator, Becky Edmonds returned to work on 6th October after maternity leave. She writes: 'I have been back at work now for over a month and am getting back into the swing of it! It has been lovely to see familiar faces and have a catch up with those volunteers I've been able to grab a few minutes with, and I've really enjoyed meeting all of the new recruits as well.

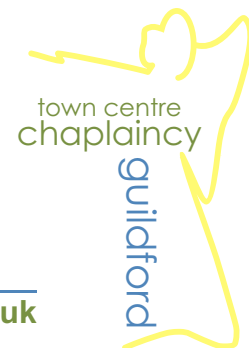
The scheme continues to go very well with great feedback from Pubwatch, the Safer Neighbourhood team and from all the door staff I have spoken to.

Over the next few months we have some extra training planned to address issues like homelessness and first-aid, as well as Team-Leader training and another reflection day which all looks to be very useful and interesting, particularly for the new Angels. The reflection days have been especially helpful when we have held them before, so look forward to that in March.

After a few hiccups, I am now back on the usual email address: becky.edmonds@gtcc.org.uk, and you can also get in touch on Facebook (www.facebook.com/guildfordstreetangels), Twitter (www.twitter.com/gstreetangels), and Skype (username: [guildford.street.angels](https://www.skype.com/en/username/guildford.street.angels)). Phone number is still the same: 07717 876 853. So one way or another, I hope to hear from you soon!



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The Long Drop

We have been invited to take part in an event at Guildford Cathedral in June next year, 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 www.justgiving.com/Rod-Boreham



Kilimanjaro 2011

Following the success of the teams who climbed Kilimanjaro in 2010, we are again proposing to send teams of volunteers to Tanzania in June 2011. At 5895m, Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest freestanding mountain in the world and the roof of Africa.

You could make a difference working with a local partner charity in Northern Tanzania, have an amazing adventure at the same time, and raise money for the Town Centre Chaplaincy and local charities. For more details call 07802 957938 or email julian.lomas@gtcc.org.uk



Empowerment Champions 2010!

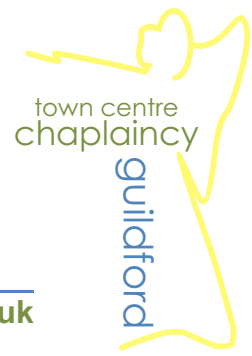
Street Angels were awarded first place at the awards ceremony of the South East Empowerment Partnership and are, therefore, Local Empowerment Champions 2010, with a cheque for £1,000. As the winners they will also be put forward to the regional finals where there is a first prize of £5,000. This is obviously a reflection on all the Street Angels for the professionalism and dedication they show on the streets and the brilliant contribution they are making to the well-being of our community. It obviously doesn't go unnoticed.



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 (http://donations.ebay.co.uk/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=39882) 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!

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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 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!

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 <http://www.acrossthedivide.com/index.php/products/event/p-00251.html>.

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 julian.lomas@gtcc.org.uk. Or visit our webpage at www.gtcc.org.uk.

Volunteer Chaplains

The Town Centre Chaplaincy is now looking for people who will give a small amount of time each week to work as a volunteer chaplain in the Town Centre life of Guildford. You do not need to be ordained, but you should have a desire to serve people in a pastoral role who work, live and play in Guildford. This is an exciting opportunity to further the work of the Chaplaincy and build relationships with people in the various sectors of the town centre community.

Please contact us for further details and an application form:

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