

# Across Town

## Stockton's Mayor Comes on Patrols with STP



Stockton's Mayor, Councillor Lynne Apedaile (front left in grey coat), came out on patrols with STP on Friday 15th February 2013 to see for herself the work of our volunteers in Stockton town centre every Friday and Saturday evening. She also gave an interview to journalism students who are doing a documentary about STP, which will be available in April. Also on patrols was Mohammed Riaz (third from right), a representative of the local Muslim community, in support of our project.

Stockton South MP James Wharton also paid a visit to STP the same evening to give an interview, but was unable to come out on patrols because of an engagement elsewhere later that evening.

Stockton Town Pastors have been nominated for the Mayor's Civic Award, with results being announced in April.

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Care and Compassion in the Night-Time Environment



The 'Love Stockton' team are planning a series of events during the spring and summer of 2013, including the following:

**Pentecostal Sunday** (19th May) outdoor service and baptisms at 6pm in the Parish Church gardens; with a family-orientated barbeque, arts and crafts beforehand—further details to follow.

Prayer Walks around the town—16th June & 13th October.

Parish Church open every weekday 12pm—2pm from 1st May to 30th September for organised worship, communion and guided prayer.

It will also shortly be producing a regular newsletter containing details of all local church-based events; and a directory of most churches locally—currently 84 listings!

A High Street building from which Christian activities can be signposted is still being worked on.

## New Archbishop Supports Street Angels

The Most Reverend Justin Welby, the newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, recently wrote to Paul Blakey MBE the founder of Street Angels—Christian Nightlife Initiatives, with the following message of support: *"I am delighted to send you my good wishes as you prepare for the CNI Network National Conference 2013. The witness of Christians through work in night-time projects brings Jesus' own ministry of welcome to our streets and I am immensely grateful for the difference you make to the lives of vulnerable people. My prayers are with you, that you and all who serve in this way may be strengthened through faith and may bring God's love to those you meet."*



Most Reverend Justin Welby



**STOCKTON TOWN PASTORS**

Care and Compassion in the Night-Time Environment

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### Training Opportunities for STP Volunteers

Free training sessions are being offered by Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) to provide an opportunity to gain essential knowledge about working with military veterans. The workshop helps staff to understand military culture and experiences. It also addresses veteran's clinical mental health issues like post traumatic stress disorder, alcohol use and adjustment disorder, and aims to help improve access to services for veterans.

The workshop is for NHS, local authority and government staff, third sector and voluntary sector staff, and alcohol and substance misuse teams working in the Teesside area, who are occasionally or potentially involved with, or who have an interest in working with military veterans as part of their normal duties within their clinical or social care teams.

There is a one-day course being offered 9am to 4.30pm on Thursday 11th April 2013, at the Middlesbrough Teaching & Learning Centre. If you would like to come along then please contact Steve Brock.

### STP Social Event

Have you ever lifted your eyes above the shop windows in Stockton town centre and marvelled at the Victorian and Edwardian architecture; or walked through Green Dragon Yard and wondered what life was like in Stockton just a few decades ago?

Mark Rowland-Jones, a local historian with a wealth of knowledge, has offered to take STP volunteers and friends on a guided tour of the town centre once the lighter nights arrive. Steve Brock will finalise a date for the tour—likely to be in June, and it will be finished off with a meal. Further details will be available in April.

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### The Christian Police Association (CPA)



are holding their annual conference at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle over the weekend of 5th—7th April 2013, and an open invitation is extended to the public for most of its sessions, to be held at Stockton Baptist Tabernacle.

Many officers of all ranks will be attending, and our own Chief Constable Jacqui Cheer will be coming along on each of the three days. The programme includes:

#### 7.30pm Friday 5th April 2013

Includes Safe Families for Children presentation, by Sir Peter Vardy

#### 7.30pm Saturday 6th April 2013

Includes musical presentation by Cleveland Police Force Band and Oakwood Choir; and 'Forgiveness' by Retired Chief Constable Robin Oake  
QPM, MBE

#### 10.30am Sunday 7th April 2013

CPA Members will join with the Stockton Baptist Tabernacle congregation for their family service. Guest Speaker Don Axcell, Executive Director, CPA

Conference delegates will also have the opportunity to come out on patrols with STP on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Christian Nightlife Initiatives** are hosting their first National Conference on the weekend of Friday 30th August to Sunday 1st September 2013 at Staverton Park, Daventry, Northamptonshire.

The conference is for all those involved in night-time projects—volunteers and coordinators, with networking, inspiration, and practical workshops.

The Costs are: Full Weekend from Friday afternoon - Sunday afternoon - 2 nights bed, all meals (breakfast, lunch, evening dinner), Gala Dinner on the Saturday night, full use of leisure facilities (swimming pool and gym), unlimited hot drinks and conference programme: £140 per person based on two sharing (for bookings before 31/3/2013). Costs will rise to £150 after this date, so if you would like to book a place please contact Steve Brock a.s.a.p.

So far, there are six STP volunteers going, and several Boro Angels have booked. Transport will be arranged—just contact Steve Brock for further information.



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