

Town Pastors (Bury St Edmunds) – PRAYER TEAM Application Notes

We believe effective prayer cover is vital for the Town Pastor initiative. Prayer marks our dependency on God and is the power behind the actions of the Town Pastors on the streets. We are therefore very keen to recruit a committed Prayer Team to support the Town Pastors on every occasion they are out on the streets of Bury St Edmunds.

Clearly to be most effective, the prayer cover needs to coincide with the times the Town Pastors are out on the streets. Therefore, individuals on the Prayer Team will need to be willing to pray at times between 10.00pm and 4.00am on the weekend nights when the Town Pastors are on duty.

A Town Pastor Prayer Team member works as part of a team with the Town Pastors, seeking to be a positive influence principally on the streets of the town centre and other night life areas through prayer.

There are two distinct 'streams' that members of the Prayer Team can opt for.

Prayer at Home: We are seeking to recruit people who are willing to pray for an hour slot, at home, between 10.00pm and 4.00am.

The role of Prayer Team members praying at home is as follows:

- To intercede for the needs of the town.
- To be able to cope with the emotional demands that praying can bring.
- Maintain confidentiality of those we pray for.
- To honour God in everything we do and say.

Prayer at a Town Centre Venue: We are seeking those who could join with one or two others at a town centre venue to pray between 10.00pm and 4.00am (in communication with the Town Pastors on the streets). They also bless the Town Pastors with tea, coffee and toast when they take an occasional break.

The role of Prayer Team members praying at Bury Town Pastors' town centre venue is as follows:

- To intercede for the needs of the town.
- To show the integrity of Christ in all our dealings and conversations with the Town Pastors and visitors to the Prayer Base.
- To focus on the needs of the Town Pastors and the visitors and not on our own needs and problems.
- To be self-aware of the impact that we have on others and they have on us.
- To be able to cope with the emotional demands that praying can bring.
- Maintain confidentiality of those we pray for.
- To honour God in everything we do and say.

On average, each Prayer Team member is expected to be 'on duty' one night a month; either one night a month in the Town Pastors' town centre venue or one hour on one night each month praying at home. Prayer Team members are given the opportunity to indicate their availability each month.

All Prayer Team members need to attend a Prayer Training session. This will be arranged for a date and time that is convenient for the applicant.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of the Town Pastors' Prayer Team. The first step towards this is to complete an application form.

If you would like to apply to **pray at home**, please fill in a

- ✓ Prayer at Home application form.

If you would like to apply to **pray at the Town Pastors' town centre venue**, please fill in a

- ✓ Prayer at Town Centre Venue application form.

Please send your completed application form to:

Mrs Jo Copsey, Sundial House, Bargate Lane, West Row, Bury St Edmunds, IP28 8PS.

If you are applying to pray at the Town Pastors' town centre venue, we will need you to provide a reference from your minister/church leader. We will also meet with you for an informal chat about the role.

If you would like to find out more before applying, please contact: Jo Copsey (Co-ordinator)
Tel: 07870 340344 or 07594 334215, email: info@burytownpastors.org.uk

Or visit Bury Town Pastors website: www.burytownpastors.org.uk