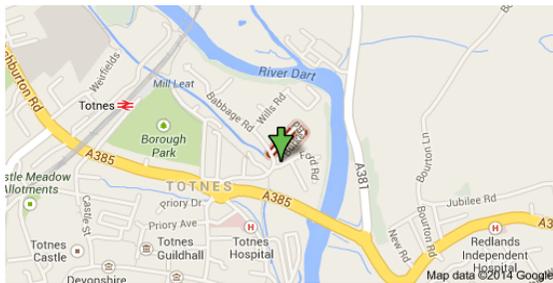


Night Shelter

Pastor Mark Hatch who runs the Drop In and Night Shelter is one of our Street Pastors and member of our Management Team. During these Winter months, South Hams Council regularly confers with him re the weather forecast—it can mean that on a duty night he may find that he has to go to the Drop In at 8pm to open it as a Night Shelter and we need to find a replacement! The recent wild weather has meant that the Night Shelter was open quite a lot over the Christmas and New Year period. A generous gift from Stoke Gabriel Church has meant that Mark has been able to buy camp beds. Donated duvets and pillows have been much appreciated. Warm clothing and new underwear are also much needed. A gift from Dartington church of warm socks, underwear and toiletries, was a great help.



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Spring Newsletter 2014

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Totnes Street Pastors host an evening of prayer at The Royal Seven Stars



At 10pm, 11 of us met to pray in the meeting room pictured above. We considered the statement '**Together we belong to Christ**' and shared from the Bible, in prayer and from our own experience. We have found that over time, due to working together ecumenically as Totnes Street Pastors and Prayer Pastors we have developed a bond and though we are from differing church traditions we shared and prayed together freely.

It is too small to presume one Church!

It is too small to presume one World!

The whole Creation is the canvas on which God paints a purpose of unity and peace.

We thank the Royal 7 Stars for their hospitality and hope to have another prayer evening together later in the year.

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New Year's Eve

We had a team out on New Year's Eve
Below is a brief report from Liz Wintle of
Totnes Methodist Church:

We had a happy evening!

Amazing - we had heavy rain on our way to Totnes and back but while out on the streets between 10pm and 2am it was dry with only a few spots, at midnight! Thank you God.

Only one alcohol related fight outside the 7 Stars at about 1.45 but within 2 seconds a police car sped down Fore street and that was enough to break it up even before we had stepped forward.

Both the 7 Stars and Dartmouth seemed to have extended licences till we presume 2am.

They were still busy when we left.

The town was very busy and the Square fairly full at midnight but I've seen it fuller. Everyone was well behaved and very jolly!

We had a few good conversations in spite of the alcohol effect.



Our new Street Pastors

From St Mary's and St George's RC church:

Ann King and Susan Vaughan

Ann writes: Friday 17th Jan was my first time out as a Street Pastor. Totnes was quiet. There were a few exuberant youth but mostly very persistent wet rain - (mental note bring gloves, over trousers and walking boots!) I was on duty with supportive and delightful fellow street pastors and we shared very welcoming tea and toast at back at base at the Quaker Meeting House around 11.30. My evening on duty also gave me a good opportunity to meet and talk to local police officers. It was a positive introduction to being part of a truly active church community. *(Ann was out with a Street Pastor from Totnes United Free and one from St John's Bridgetown. Our Base Team at the Quaker meeting House that night came from St David's Ashprintgon—Ecumenism in action!)*

Susan's writes: My first night as an SP was quiet as the weather was somewhat inclement. However, it was rather nice to see how SPs were accepted positively by the people we met.

Our new Base Teams

From St David's Ashprintgon: **Laurence and Kathi Green write:**

Prayers for peace and harmony really do work and we can demonstrate that. Since starting at the Prayer Base for the Street Pastors we have only known quiet nights (some early) and no mishaps. We have met and made toast for some wonderful people who carry the Lord in their hearts around the Town in the wee hours. Thank you to all for taking us on and long may the still small voice be heard in Totnes.

Our new team from Market Place Market Ministries write:

Marketplace Ministries are offering to lead the Prayer Pastor cover on a regular basis. We honour those who have been fulfilling this vital function in our town for many years and now feel able to support this in a practical way. Of course, if you would like to join us on any of our cover nights we would love to have you as part of the team. Generally it will be the first Friday of the month. Our first night is Friday 7th February.