

[Public Lavatories RADAR key](#)

One issue that has concerned us, is the lack of toilet facilities after hours. With the permission of the police and council, we now have the RADAR key for the lavatories by the Manor House bus stop. We can then allow escorted use of the lavatory. Our particular concern has been to give some measure of protection to young women needing to use the lavatory when all the pubs are shut. Having the key has already proved beneficial.



You can contact me, Liz Waterson Coordinator, with any queries with regard to Totnes Street Pastors on: [01803 849345](tel:01803849345) and don't forget to check out our website!

<http://streetpastors.org/locations/totnes/>

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Over the Summer, we sent out shifts on Saturdays. As such we were pleased to help out at the Totnes Carnival Night and Pride, and the first ever Sea Change Festival. However, over all, there is little to choose between Fridays and Saturdays in terms of busyness and so as Fridays are easier to man when we take into consideration the other commitments that our Street Pastors have, we have decided to return to regular Friday shifts. When something special happens on a Saturday, we will change our shift to support it.

We send out groups of 3 (mixed sex) and we are generally covering 3 out of 4 Fridays per month. On a Friday where we are not able to field a Street Pastor team, we stop by at the Meeting House to pray for God's blessing on our wonderful town and to pray about the wider issues that our world is facing, often using the Lord's Prayer as a framework.



Nathan Wood R.I.P.

Over the Summer holidays, Nathan tragically died after taking a Novel Psychotic Substance (or NPS.) NPSs were at one time known as legal highs but they are now banned.

Nathan's death was in the school holidays and the Totnes Police asked their Chaplain, Rev Marisa Cockfield, if there was something that could be done to help the students with their grieving.

Marisa contacted me and along with the Rev Preb Julian Ould, Totnes Street Pastors and the Totnes Team Ministry put on a Memorial afternoon at St John's church in memory for Nathan. The church was filled with candles, gentle harp music and there was a book of condolence. Over 150 students came and spent much time in the gentle quiet leaving flowers and beautiful messages that were then given to Nathan's mum.

Pastor Mark Hatch, one of our Street Pastors who knows Nathan's family well, was asked to take the funeral at Marldon Parish Church. Nathan is buried in Sharpham Natural Burial Ground.



In response to the tragedy, Kevicc, the police and the community with the help of the Caring Town initiative (of which Totnes Street Pastors is a part), are working together to support all those affected by the tragedy. We are looking at ways to make sure that something like this doesn't happen again. The police have launched **Operation Venus** which is centred around education about the dangers of NPSs.

More information around all these initiatives will appear in the community and in Kevicc. It is important that we acknowledge this as **whole community safeguarding issue.**

Totnes Street Pastors regularly walk up to Borough Park and engage with the young people that they find there late at night.

