



Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Forthcoming Felixstowe Town Pastor Events for prayer

- **Town Pastor Social;** Sunday 12th January 2020 at Ruby's Café, Bent Hill, Felixstowe at 3.00 pm.
- **Heart for the Community Series** (Open to all TP volunteers and all churches)
 - *'County Lines'* - Speaker, Julia Catterwell at 12th February 2020 at Christ Church, Grange Farm Avenue at 7.30 p.m.
 - *'Domestic Abuse Awareness'* - Speaker, Teri Cudby on 8th April 2020 at Christ Church, Grange Farm Avenue at 7.30 p.m.
 - Other dates - 17/6/2020,16/9/2020,18/11/2020—details to follow.
- **FTP 10th Anniversary Celebration on 26th April 2020 - ROL Church.** Details to follow. (Open to all)

Watch thou, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend thy sick ones, Lord Christ. Rest thy weary ones.

Bless thy dying ones. Soothe thy suffering ones.

Pity thine afflicted ones. Shield thy joyous ones.

And all, for thy love's sake. Amen.

Evening Prayer - Saint Augustine - 4th century

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Caring on the streets



Prayer Newsletter – Winter 2020

Happy New Year! We now enter a new decade and unbelievably this year Felixstowe Town Pastors will be celebrating its 10th birthday.

It was a joy to receive new members to join the pastor team in 2019 and we welcome Stephen Badcock, who is joining the 2020 rota. Welcome to Stephen!

We will also say, "au revoir", to two long term members of the team, Richard and Joy Sewell, who also were our first FTP marriage. Richard has been a faithful base team member, extraordinary bacon roll chef and encourager of the team and Joy has been a superb pastor, they have worked on team in Felixstowe and at the Latitude



Festival. We will miss them greatly but wish them well as they move out of area and commence their new adventure.



You may have noticed in the recent Felixstowe Town Council Winter 2019 magazine an article including our lovely town pastor, Tony Lazell. Tony has been on team since night one of Felixstowe Town Pastors, also volunteers with St John's and



at the 'Memory Lane' group which runs at the Salvation Army, Cobbold Road on a Friday mornings.

Sue Harris and Liz Livey in June climbed the O2 to raise funds for a new programme called 'Kids Matter' which will be running in Felixstowe in 2020 to support families. It was a wet day but fortunately the lightening forecast did not appear!

Jane Scarlett, FTP Trustee, has recently agreed to arrange FTP team socials. The first one will be on **Sunday 12th January 2020 at Ruby's Café, Bent Hill, Felixstowe at 3.00 pm**. Look forward to this and more to come in the future .

'We pray, you, Lord, to direct and guide your Church with your unfailing care, that it may be vigilant in times of quiet, and daring in times of trouble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ' Franciscan Breviary

Prayer Requests

More FTP team members on all areas—home prayers (especially 1-3am), base prayers (3) and pastors (4 male and 4 female).

A new FTP coordinator

Work space for FTP coordinator and FTP office items

Training events being organised and hosted by FTP IN 2020

Pray for church leaders and congregations. CTiF Unity Service in January. Revd Paul Clark, new vicar of St Mary's Church, Walton.

Answered Prayer

Felixstowe Town Pastors were out patrolling on Saturday night when they came across this shoebox on the doorstep of a



local church (see previous photo). As it was raining heavily they took it somewhere dry. It had been placed there by a child and, it had the following message on the lid: "To someone who is not as lucky as me. From (child's name). I hope you have a good day! Enjoy them!"

The Town Pastors have made sure that it was passed on to a family in need at Christmas, with enormous thanks to the child who had the heart to think about other people and act on it in their own small but very practical way. Truly, Christmas in a box ...

Recently pastors came across a lady in her 60's who had become homeless for the first time in her life. She had left home with only the items she was wearing and a very few possessions. Throughout the night the team kept watch, prayed, spoke and supported her, gave items for warmth, supplied food and drink via both our base team and also our friends at 'The Grand'. We made contact with organisations who aid us in these situations and made arrangements for her to attend one of our local churches, which she duly did the following morning and was met with a warm welcome. The church put her up in local Premier Inn for a few nights and various bodies aided this dear lady to start a new life two days later in another area of the county. To God be praised.

Our base team over the last few years have been involved in making soup or hot drinks for a number of people we have met on the streets at night, as well as praying for any incidents, welfare checking pastors and keeping the home team updated. Praise the Lord for them.



In July 2019 many of the team were on holiday or serving at Latitude. During this time our lovely, Barbara Lambertson, Base Team member agreed to a request from FTP Management Team to speak at Fairfield School on the work of Town Pastors. Needless to say Barbara was a hit! We are receiving requests for talks this year and if your organisation, church or group would like a speaker from FTP, please get in touch with Peter Livey, Acting Coordinator at coordinator@felixstowetownpastors.org.uk

'There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him' William Law