

PRESTON AND SOUTH RIBBLE (North)

Introducing the Street Pastors Management Team:

Chris Drury – Chair, Preston and South Ribble (North) Street Pastors



Born in Kent, Chris is enjoying being newly married to Dawn, having been widowed in 2007 when his childhood sweetheart Linda and wife of 15-years died from breast cancer. This left him as a single dad to 4 kids. Having being diagnosed Christmas 2002 whilst pregnant, facing chemotherapy during pregnancy they learnt that trusting God is not just a nice idea, it is something very real, very powerful and a place of real hope. As they faced her cancer together, their prayer was that her death might not be in vain, but might be a means of people finding hope and faith in God. It was when Chris came back off bereavement leave that this prayer began to be answered. He was approached by the Police and asked to work with them on behalf of the church in Preston, as part of Hope 08. This began a relationship that has led to us being able to launch Street Pastors in Preston today, and as Chris discovers fresh hope in his life personally, his prayer is that this might be something that others come to find for themselves too.

Ian Higginbotham – Management Team Treasurer and Street Pastor



Born in Stockport and married to Val, they have two married grown up sons, plus a grand-daughter. Ian came to Preston in 1993 to head up HSBC Bank locally and retired in 2004. He had a clear sense that the rest of his life would be made up of 4 C's. (1) Church work, where he is now actively involved at Fulwood Free Methodists serving on the speaking team, helping support the National Free Methodist Leadership Team as Administrator and is National Treasurer; (2) Commercial Work, where he undertakes consultancy with a special expertise in funding and the management of professional practices; (3) Charity Work, where he advises a number of local charities and (4) Community Work, where he serves as a Governor at Myerscough College, represents Lancashire Colleges on Lancashire Education Forum, and is an Independent Member of Preston City Council's Standards and Ethics Committee. When he was asked to be Treasurer of Street Pastors, Ian also joined the team of volunteers on the street.

Ron Farrington – Management Team Member, South Ribble Co-ordinator

Born and bred in Lancashire, Ron is married to Christine and they have 4 children, Paul, Kathryn, Ben and Stephen. In 1995 Ron felt God directing him to plant a church in Longton. A small group of committed families began to meet in each others homes and Longton Community Church was born. In addition to running the family farming business, Ron served as an elder of the church until September 2008 when he became employed as a full time pastor. Ron has a passion for people. He constantly strives to help them find restoration and to live full, complete God centred lives. Ron coordinates Street Pastors in the South Ribble area and works closely with the Police, social services, councils and local churches.

Peter Nunn – Management Team Member, IT Specialist and Webmaster

Peter became a follower of Jesus as an older teenager while attending a Baptist Church in Sunderland. He trained as an Information Scientist and worked for ICI in Cheshire in computers. After attending Anglican churches in Manchester and Macclesfield, he was called into the Anglican ministry and trained at Oak Hill Theological College in London for 3 further years before becoming Curate at All Hallows, Bispham in 1985. He was then appointed Curate-in-Charge of All Saints Anchorsholme, the daughter church of Bispham, in 1987, and became its first Vicar when it became an independent parish. Peter was in Blackpool for a total of 23 years and saw the church grow following the introduction of the Alpha Course. He came to Preston in 2008 to serve as the Priest-in-Charge of The Parish of The Risen Lord, comprising 3 places of worship, St Matthew, St James and St Matthew's Mission, Acregate Lane. Peter is married to Jackie, and they have 4 adult children, and at the latest count, 3 grandchildren. For his sins, he still supports Sunderland Football Club.

Jason Buckler – Volunteer Co-ordinator and Street Pastor



Jason was born in Nuneaton, but has been living in Preston for 30 years. Married for 14 years to Lorraine, he has two children, 7 year old Luke and 18 month old Sarah. Jason became interested in Street Pastors in Jan 2008 when, after lots of prayer and asking for a door to open for him to help with God's work, he saw Street Pastors advertised in his church. The idea of bringing the church to the streets and helping people in a practical way appealed. Jason applied for the next volunteer Street Pastor training course and hit the streets in December 2008 with 23 other volunteers. In April 2009 Jason acquired the position of Volunteer Co-ordinator and continues to go out as a Street Pastor. When not working on the Street Pastors Project, Jason runs his own Barber Shop, enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family. He especially enjoys any kind of Street Pastors meeting as "there is usually plenty of chocolate up for grabs!"