

Chairman's Report

Revd Canon Andrew Blyth

This year saw a long –held aspiration come to fruition as new Chaplain placements started in local authority offices and a local supermarket. Although this meant moving some of our Chaplains from the town centre, we look forward next year to increasing numbers there as new Chaplains are appointed.

We continued our close partnership working with other local agencies and groups with our volunteers helping steward at the Christmas Light Switch-on and Santa's Parade in the town centre. Our staff team are regular attendees at the Town Centre Partnership meeting, the IAG, Pubwatch and Community Group networking meetings facilitated by the County Council and the Town Mayor.

We were also welcomed at the local mosque to a meal attended by many community representatives. *(pictured right).*



This year 2 of our trustees (David Wall (Granville St Church) & Anne Smith (one of our founding trustees) stepped down. Adebola Ajayi (Oasis Church) joined. We appointed 4 new volunteers, 2 Street Angels and 2 Chaplains. 5 Street Angels & 4 Chaplains stepped down; either due to moving out of the area or because other changes in circumstances meant they were no longer able to commit to regular volunteering with us.

We thank all our partners, volunteers and staff for their support and hard work in helping the church of Aylesbury (in its widest sense) to serve the heart of our town through the work of Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy.

Communications

We issue regular newsletters to volunteers, Friends, church & other partners, and also use our website and Twitter to let people know when we're out and to share news.

We also have been welcomed at speaking engagements by:

- St. John the Baptist, Stone
- Holy Trinity, Aylesbury's Encounter Cluster
- St. Nicholas, Cuddington
- Oaks Community Church, Aylesbury
- Brill & District W.I.
- Aylesbury Methodist
- Follow 2016 (national LLM conference) - an impromptu add-in to Paul Blakey's (Founder of SA-CNI) session about Street Angels !

Chaplains

The day-time Chaplains pattern changed significantly this year; as some of those who had been patrolling in the town centre moved into placements.

Adebola is the Chaplain at Bucks County Council's main offices once a week, also making contact with and attending the Christian Union regularly.

Steve is now the Chaplain at Aylesbury Vale District Council's offices at the Gateway and is building relationships with those who work there.

Edna is now the Chaplain to Morrisons' supermarket. She spends



time in the public café or staff canteen and is available as a listening ear and a friendly face.

Mark has continued at Aylesbury Police Station as part of the Police Chaplaincy team - he led the Act of Remembrance there on 11 November as well as attending the Annual Road Death anniversary service and TVP's Chaplaincy conference.

Judith, our Chaplain at the Healthy Living Centre on Walton Court is there each Wednesday afternoon during the time that the baby clinic is on; she is available to chat with mums, carers and staff.

In the town centre Margaret and Richard continued their regular 'patrols' and Marlene joined us as Chaplain to the Friars Square Shopping Centre.

Fiona was Chaplain at Aylesbury College until the summer holidays when she had to step back due to ill health.

We expect to increase our Chaplain numbers in the New Year.

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We've continued to aim to have teams out each week with, at least once a month, covering Friday & Saturday on a same weekend.

This year saw the launch of our 'safe place' stationary team manning a van once a month. On these occasions (10 times in the year) two teams of Street Angels were out; one at the van, one patrolling. This did impact on the total number of nights out this year (54 compared with over 70 last year), but did not impact number of people helped home and in practical ways. We will be reviewing the impact of this project in the New Year and maybe revising operating patterns accordingly.



In addition we had teams out at Hallowe'en and on New Year's Eve. The response continues to be really positive from people out and about as well as PCSOs, police officers, door staff and licensees. Great relationships are being built, and many people being helped.

During the year various observers have come out with SA team, including Bill Chapple, Chair of Bucks County Council, Allison Harrison, Mayor of Aylesbury, Paul Hodson (BCC Communities & Localities Manager) and Milly Soames, High Sherriff of Bucks (*pictured with the team*).



As ever our sincere thanks to all our supporters, especially Diana Fawcett, Town Centre Manager and Supt. Olly Wright who supported grants towards our stationary 'safe place' initiative.

Supporting our Volunteers

We held a number of training activities this year. Our Training Day in



November was held in the lovely surroundings of Aylesbury Canal Society (*pictured right*). During the year we had training on Child Sexual Exploitation awareness (Barnardo's), keeping safe on the streets (Dfuse), First Aid (St John's Ambulance), Dementia Friends, Aylesbury Homeless Action Group and a helpful reflective session led by Revd Rose Williams.

In addition we regularly meet up with volunteers:

- All our volunteers are invited to attend an annual review meeting with Mark & Catherine; this gives them time & space to reflect on their work with us as well as the wider work of the organisation
- In the summer we held a barbecue for our volunteers and their families to say thank you for all they do

Finances & other support

We received funding from 17 church groups, TVPA's Proceeds of Crime Act Fund, Aylesbury Town Council, the Mid-Bucks Association and BCC. (through the GALAF scheme). Two churches allowed us to use office and /or meeting space, and we have a Friends scheme. We also joined an online giving platform (MakeADonation).

With this and using reserves, we are in a strong position going into 2016 but looking into 2017 will need to increase our funding base to maintain our current levels of work. *(detailed accounts are available on request)*

2016 (<i>provisional</i> figures)	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
c/f from 2015	11,270	255	11,525
Income			
Churches	15,436	0	15,436
Donations (incl. Friends)	4,896	0	4,896
Gift Aid	1,252	0	1,252
Grants	6,000	2,000	8,000
Local authorities	0	3,119	3,119
Thames Valley Police	2,000	1,920	3,920
Total	29,583	7,039	36,622
Expenditure			
Communications	280	0	280
Equipment	0	953	953
Hospitality (incl. Annual Celebration)	15	0	15
Insurance	212	100	312
Office	760	0	760
Staff costs	31,036	809	31,845
Street Angels (incl van project)	0	1,072	1,072
Volunteer costs	206	906	1,112
Total	32,509	3,841	36,350

About Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy

Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy was formed as a charitable trust in 2011, governed by a trust deed (dated 15/09/2011) and registered with the Charity Commission in July 2012.

Its main objects are:

a/ to bring the Christian ministry to people living, visiting and/or working in the centre of Aylesbury in the county of Buckinghamshire, by the provision of pastoral care, including but not limited by the formation of a chaplaincy service

b/ the relief of need and provision of good health in Aylesbury by the provision of advice and support.

It must have at least 3 trustees, who are usually appointed to serve for a period of 3 years at a time, by a resolution passed by the existing trustees at a special meeting.

It employs 2 part-time members of staff.

During 2016 there were 6 trustees meetings.

Trustees, as at 31st December 2016:

Revd Canon Andrew Blyth (chair),
Adebola Ajayi
Revd Keith Edwards,
Andrew Henderson,
Revd Doug Zimmerman

We are members of the SA-CNI network & the Association of Town & City Chaplaincies (ATCC)

Registered Charity Number: 1147949

Aylesbury Town
Chaplaincy
servicing the heart of our town



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