

## Chairman's Report

## Revd Canon Andrew Blyth

This year 2 of our trustees (David Pollard (Granville St Church) & Revd Martin Kuhrt (Church of the Holy Spirit) ) stepped down. David Wall (Granville St Church) and Revd Doug Zimmerman (St. Mary's, Aylesbury) joined.

We appointed 10 new volunteers, 6 Street Angels and 4 Chaplains. Our staff have continued to work hard and we have now been able to offer them a pension scheme.

**Partnerships** this year we've been invited to join in with:

- Bucks Mental Health & Wellbeing Planning Event
- Town Centre Partnership Meetings
- Bucks Community Funding Fair
- Pubwatch
- AVDC/TVP Independent Advisory Group
- Bucks CC Choose 4 Greater Aylesbury Local Area Forum—one of the charities selected to be part of the public vote
- Association of Town & City Chaplaincies (launched this year)
- Mark attended a meal at the mosque for community leaders
- Aylesbury Town Mayor's Civic Service, Carol Service & Reception
- Aylesbury Deanery (at the Bucks County Show)
- Stewards at Santa's Parade & Christmas Light Switch-on



## 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:

- Aylesbury Vineyard (to take part in commissioning a Chaplain)
- 4th Aylesbury Scouts
- Church of the Holy Spirit
- Church on Fairford Leys
- Aylesbury Church Network Pentecost Service
- Stone Village Club
- Southcourt Baptist Church Women's Breakfast
- Aylesbury Church Network Church in the Park
- Holy Trinity Aylesbury
- St. Mary's, Haddenham
- Granville St Church Quiz
- Wendover Free Church

We held our Annual Celebration Event in June at St. Mary's, Aylesbury.

We featured on Mix96 talking about the work of our Chaplains.



## Chaplains

As the team grew during the year we have really been able to increase our presence in the town centre. By the end of the year we had town centre Chaplains on 'patrol' on Tuesdays to Fridays, plus occasional Saturdays; either linked mainly with one area (e.g. Hale Leys Centre, Friars Square, the Market) or covering various shops along the High Street. We were joined for a few months by a trainee minister on secondment as part of our town centre team. We were also visited a few times by people from Berkhamsted looking to start a Chaplaincy ministry there.

From April we've had a Chaplain at Aylesbury Crown Court available for staff & public in the waiting area.

Our College Chaplain stood down in the summer due to a change in working pattern, but we were able to provide continuity as we recruited a new Chaplain over the summer who has continued our work at the College.

Mark has continued at Aylesbury Police Station as part of the Police Chaplaincy team and our Chaplain at the Healthy Living Centre on Walton Court. Is there each Wednesday afternoon during the time that the baby clinic is on, available to chat with mums, carers and staff.

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The logo for Street Angels is written in a stylized, cursive font. The word 'Street' is in black, and 'Angels' is in black with a yellow highlight under the 'A'. The 'A' is large and loops around the 'n'.

We've continued to have teams out each week with, at least once a month, covering Friday & Saturday on a same weekend. 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 the Chair of AVDC licensing board & a representative from Bucks C.C. Public Health team.

Three Street Angels stepped down due to other commitments.

## **Supporting our Volunteers**

### **Training**

- Mark & Catherine attended Community Impact Bucks' Invest in your volunteers course.
- Our Court Chaplain attended 'Listening to victims of crime' session (Community Impact Bucks)
- We ran a Drugs Awareness session for volunteers (with HopeUK)
- We ran a Homelessness awareness session (with AHAG)
- Our Healthy Living Centre Chaplain attended a '5 ways to wellbeing' training session
- Mark has attended training with TVP Chaplaincy & Mental Health First Aid (with Bucks Mind)
- Staff & volunteers attended WRAP training to learn about Prevent (with Bucks C.C.)
- We ran a training day which featured First Aid (St John Ambulance), workplace bullying, street angel refresher & praying with people
- Winter Driving Course (Bucks CC)

### **Meetings**

- 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
- This year in the spring we invited all our volunteers to a team fellowship meeting
- 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)*

2015 ( <i>provisional</i> figures)	Unrestricted	Restricted	<b>Total</b>
<b>c/f from 2014</b>	<b>10,263.30</b>	<b>4,452.70</b>	<b>14,716.00</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Churches	19,723.27	0.00	19,723.27
Donations (incl. Friends)	6,419.01	0.00	6,419.01
Gift Aid	1,297.75	0.00	1,297.75
Grants	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Local authorities	0.00	2,476.75	2,476.75
Thames Valley Police	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,440.03</b>	<b>2,476.75</b>	<b>32,916.78</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Communications	133.92	0.00	133.92
Equipment	524.64	2001.85	2,526.49
Hospitality (incl. Annual Celebration)	67.02	0.00	67.02
Insurance	149.40	77.00	226.40
Office	833.69	0.00	833.69
Staff costs	27,378.86	3,107.10	30,485.96
Street Angels consumables	11.92	594.03	605.95
Volunteer costs	334.36	894.59	1,228.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,433.81</b>	<b>6,674.57</b>	<b>36,108.38</b>

## 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 2015 there were 6 trustees meetings.

Trustees, as at 31st December 2015:

Revd Canon Andrew Blyth (chair),  
Revd Keith Edwards,  
Andrew Henderson,  
Anne Smith  
David Wall  
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*



We are thankful for the support and encouragement of all our partner churches, individuals and organisations.



*(photos of our Annual Celebration Service courtesy of M Cousins)*





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