

Newsletter Update

Friday 24th January 2014



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Stats

2,135 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
215,635 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
512,400 People living there (240 per street)

****Click here to see our research sources.**



Dear Carl,

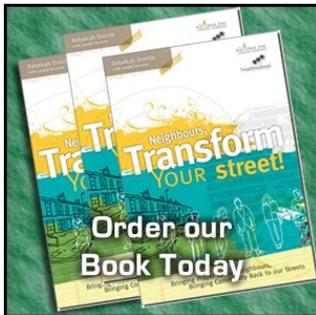
This week, we want to encourage you to start praying in a prayer triplet, we also want to honour a faithful intercessor from Market Drayton and share what she has been doing for many years in her local neighbourhood.

An Apology: I wrongly said Lucy Littleton was co-ordinating Pray for Rugby. The correct name is Lucy Littlewood...apologies for this error in last weeks newsletter.



Appeal for Intercessors to Pray for Neighbourhood Prayer Network: We are seeking a special team of people to pray for our work in addition to praying for their streets. If you are interested in this please contact [us here](#):

Why we need to pray and keep praying...

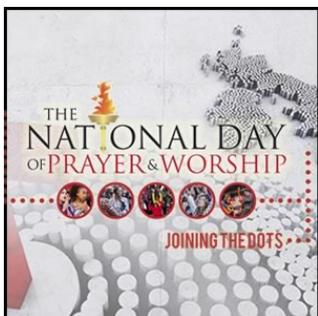
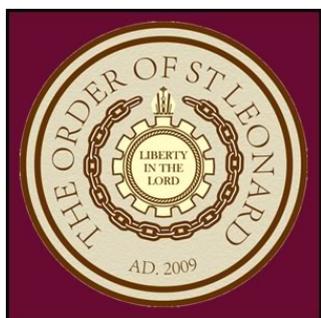


Ofsted published a national report on the state of social care which showed that **700,000 youngsters are growing in homes blighted by drug and alcohol addiction.** (Source: [Blame bad parents for Britain's ills, says Sir Michael Wilshaw](#) The Telegraph, October 16th 2013 by John Bingham).

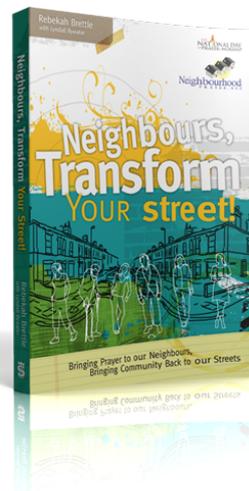
There are no simple answer to this horrifying statistic, but I am convinced that if we all pray for the children living on our street, we can make a difference, and stop some children being harmed.



Why form a Neighbourhood Prayer Triplet ? (Taken from Neighbours Transform Your Street, pages 98-99.



Throughout the Scriptures , we read of God calling His people to work together. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob travelled with their families; Moses worked with Aaron to lead the captive Israelites to freedom; the prophets worked in "companies"; King David fought alongside his troop of mighty men; and of course Jesus had twelve disciples. What's more the imagery which the New Testament writers use to describe the church is always plural; parts of the body, soldiers in an army , members of a family, ambassadors on a mission. Jesus sent his disciples out in two's , and Paul always travelled with companions when he planted churches. Though our own individual relationship with God is vitally important, when it comes to reaching the World around us, a single-handed approach isn't enough. We need each other, and we are at our most effective when we work together. Praying for our neighbourhoods is likely to be a long journey and, like any journey, it is best travelled together.



Testimony of A.C

We share now a testimony form A.C who has been leading a community prayer cell since 2001 and also has been part of a prayer triplet the last 2 years. She is in her eighties and I always feel humbled by the perseverance of faithful intercessors like her throughout the UK and indeed the World...Here is her story based on a telephone interview with her this week:

"We hold a prayer cell in our house about every six weeks, there are eight people who attend including our local vicar. There are no other prayer meetings outside of Sunday services in our church. It started in 2001 after attending an assembly of Evangelical Leaders where we received Jane Holloway's CPAS, Community Prayer Cells guide. I shared the idea of starting a community prayer cell with our vicar who advertised the idea in a Parish magazine. Initially three people came forward and then in time more joined, mostly Anglicans, but two Methodists also joined us. As a result of this community prayer cell, each member of the group has developed a deep concern and compassion for those living nearby. Our prayer group meets for around 2 hours and after that we then share tea and cakes. A.C believes that the group has enabled people to develop a deeper relationship with God and a better prayer life and has also meant there is a deep sense of unity and fellowship and love among the group.

A.C in addition takes part in a prayer triplet on a weekly basis. As part of this, she intentionally speaks to or has coffee with her next door neighbour every week. She gives



this advice: Don't give up, even when you don't get immediate results or answers to prayer...this is an ongoing thing."

Forming a Prayer Triplet

We have published in our book Neighbour's Transform Your Street, guidance on how to set up a prayer Triplet and also a twelve session prayer guide designed to help you start praying for your neighbours. Please can you contact us if you are going to do this. To order the book [Click Here](#).

Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

Exodus 20:12

Pray for all children in your street to honour their parents (whether the "children" are adults or minors) and especially for children growing up with a mother or father living elsewhere; hop them to respect both their parents and also any step-parents, and pray for good relationships among family members.

Pray that no child suffers any form of abuse and for healing for adults and children who have been victims of child abuse at the hands of their parents/ Help them not to feel condemned for their difficulties in dealing with how they feel about their parents.

Pray for couples who wold like to have a family of their own, but at this time are struggling to have children.

* These prayers are taken from day 4 of our Forty Days of Prayer guide, published in [Neighbours, Transform Your Street](#)

CARE

Could you give up your costa coffee/starbucks coffee, or chocolate bars or cake this week, donating the money instead to a local homeless charity or to "Shelter.?" This is part of www.actionweek.org.uk as we remember those not lucky enough to have their own home.

SHARE

Choose three houses on your street to pray for each Friday this year, pray a blessing over your street each time you leave the house. (Keep Praying and Bless Prayer guide www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/pray, may be helpful for this.

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Praying for Your Streets as a Church

If you have people in your church willing to pray for their

street, with their permission, please send us a list of their names, street, postcode (postcode is important for our mapping facility) and email address and we will fill the streets in for you, if there are several streets. Download a form here to use in your church (with your leader's permission).

[Just Click here to download the form.](#)

Alternatively if you have not signed up yet and receive our email go to www.neighbourhoodprayer.net/locator to register your street.

We are asking you to pray for three houses on your street and a general prayer of blessing on the whole street, each Friday or another day if you prefer.

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Sponsored Swim - Week 2 update

I am attempting a sponsored swim at the beginning of April...I hope to be able to swim 72 lengths. I have managed to increase the lengths I can now swim from 6 to 16. I have also started walking rather than driving around my neighbourhood and enjoyed praying prayers of blessing over streets near us.

For those of you who like swimming, could you consider joining me to raise money for Neighbourhood Prayer Network? We are aiming to raise £7200 or more. Most of which will go towards Lisa's part time salary and towards producing a Neighbourhood Prayer Network Smartphone app we are planning. Can you [email me here](#) if you would like to join me.

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Thanks for all you are doing. Someone once told me you eat an elephant one chunk at a time. Let's walk this journey together, little by little, we will cover every street in the Nation in Prayer.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

P.S. Don't forget to click on the block advert links to some of our great partners (on the left).

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