

Newsletter Update

Friday 17th January 2014

Stats

2,125 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
214,625 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
510,000 People living there (240 per street)

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



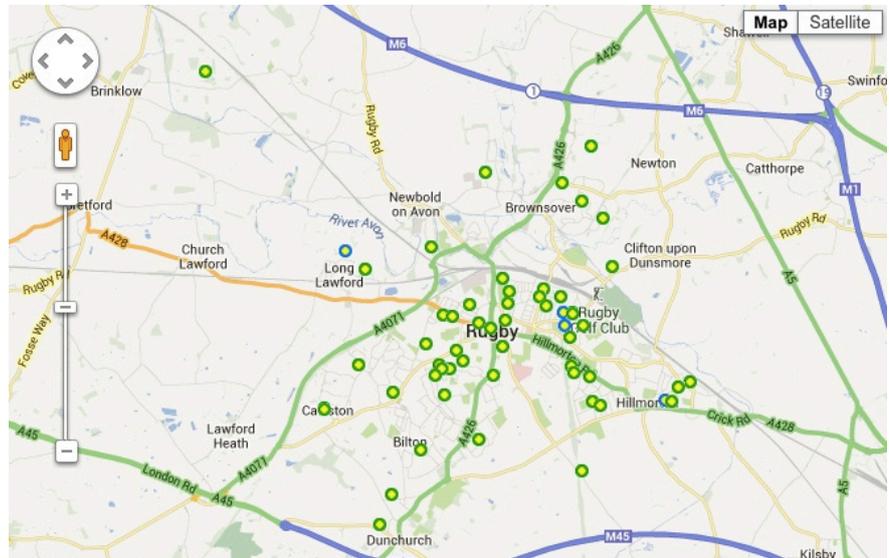
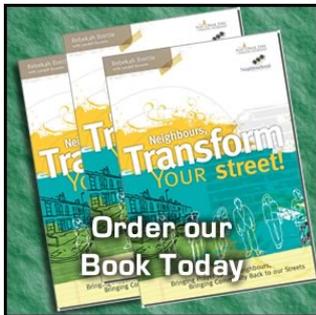
Dear Carl,

This week we would like to say how enormously grateful we are to each and everyone of you who prays for your street. We are in the process of preparing our end of year report and looking back over all the testimonies that we have received over the past year and we are so encouraged. Every time someone has written into us with a testimony or encouraged us with a thank you, it has enabled us to keep going when it has been tough! We are also grateful to those of you who have donated some money towards Neighbourhood Prayer Network in the last few weeks. Especially now we have a paid part time member of staff, every penny counts.



Pray for Rugby

We also want to say a special thank you to Lucy Littleton, the co-ordinator for Pray for Rugby. She has been signing people up in her church and one or two others and sent us over 30 streets in the last few days.



Sending us a list of streets in your church being prayed for:

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).

[Click here to download the Street Signup Sheet](#)

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.

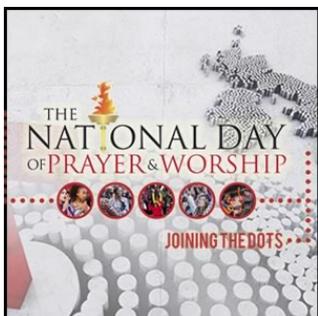
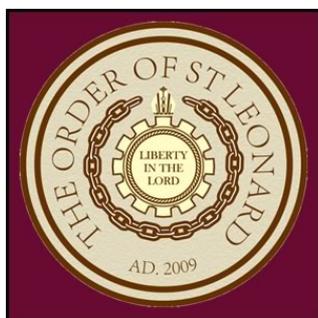
Sponsored Swim

I am attempting a sponsored swim at the beginning of April...I hope to be able to swim 72 lengths. I went swimming on Wednesday and discovered I could only just about manage 6 lengths having got so out of shape during the pregnancy. So I have set myself the challenge of swimming 72 lengths by April!



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 an upcoming project we are developing. Can you [email me here](#) if you would like to join me.

Streetbank



This week we have spoken with Streetbank, a charity close to our own heart. The basic idea of "Streetbank" is that you register on the website www.streetbank.com and the site show you other people living near you, who might want to donate or lend items to others or to borrow from others. I registered myself this week and found it easy to use. I plan to invite some of my neighbours to join the site in the coming months. Its a great opportunity to meet others living nearby. Below is a testimony from Sam Stephens the founder with some other general information. We encourage you to consider joining, as it is a great way to break the ice with neighbours that you don't know.

Streetbank- What is it and why use it?



"Three years ago, I passed a neighbour on my street using hedge-trimmers. My hedge was overgrown but I didn't know my neighbour and wasn't sure if it would be ok to ask to borrow them. Back at home, I started dreaming about a neighbourhood where everyone shared, and came up with the idea of Streetbank. Streetbank enables people to make their things and skills available to their neighbourhood, saving money, helping the environment and making happier, friendlier, and more connected communities.

We care because every day we are hearing about more acts of neighbourly generosity on Streetbank. For instance, Linda, a volunteer at her local kids in care charity, put out a call on Streetbank for three laptops that could be used by the children at the centre. Three neighbours came forward to give away their computers and the charity was able to avoid spending their precious resources."

Sam Stephens, Founder of Street Bank.

The benefits

Exercising generosity - Streetbank makes it easy to share, easy to exercise generosity, easy to help those in need.

Uncovering need - Streetbank's request function helps to identify where there is need.

Reducing possessiveness - our members find that they become less attached to and less defined by what they own.

Connecting rich and poor - we find that high income households tend to use Streetbank to give things away or lend things, low income households for picking things up or borrowing things. This helps to connect households that would never otherwise meet.

What's driving us?

Too many of us live in neighbourhoods where we don't know our neighbours or where people find it hard to make ends meet.

The Church can play a leading role in changing this.

We think that if we choose to be a little bit more interdependent, we could actually have much richer, fuller and more interesting lives.

But to knock on an unknown neighbour's door is a brave thing to do. That's where Streetbank comes in. It gives a reason to make that first connection.

Streetbank is a tool that makes it easy to share and by sharing, people can strengthen their communities and build links between the Church and the neighbourhood. Streetbank is a simple and deeply practical way of loving your neighbour.

Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

Psalm 133

Lord, we pray for all the churches in our neighbourhood, that they would work well together. Help people from different church backgrounds to have a heart to pray for other churches as well as their own. Bring opportunities for me to meet other Christians from other churches and for us to show love towards one another. Where there are other Christians living on my street, please give me opportunities to get to know them better. In your name Jesus, Amen

CARE

Could you join Street Bank www.streetbank.com and encourage some of your neighbours to join with a view to giving away or sharing some of your possessions with neighbours in need?

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.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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