

Newsletter Update

Friday 28th June 2013

Stats

1,663 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 167,963 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 399,120 People living there (240 per street)

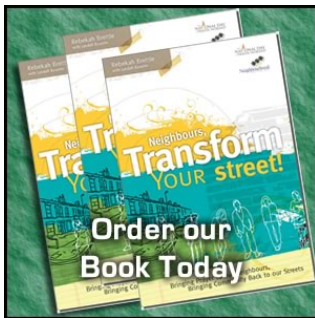
****[Click here to see our research sources.](#)**



Dear Carl,

Thank you for your continuing prayers and love towards your neighbours. Each of us, can make a difference where we live, by being friendly to those who live on our streets. When people start to get to know one another, people often feel less frightened of crime and less lonely!

This week I wanted to share with you what is going on in Folkestone. Jon Clarke is one of our postcode co-ordinators and he tells us in his own words what has been happening since our launch at the National Day of Prayer in Wembley on 29th September 2012. Our prayer guide for this week is at the end of the email. Please email us and let us know what is going on in your local area. Thank you to so many who have emailed us streets to add to our map. We hope to be fully up to date with these by next Friday.

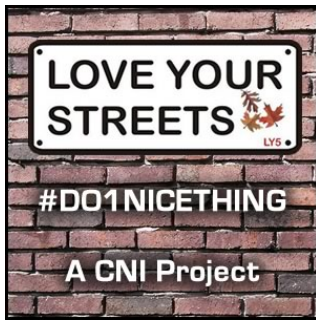


Testimony from a postcode co-ordinator in Folkestone



Over a hundred people have signed up to a local Neighbourhood Prayer scheme in Folkestone. Our Churches Together Chairman first heard about it at the National Day of Prayer in London and felt strongly that we should get Christians to pray for the whole of Folkestone. I had the same desire, but also wanted more people involved in Neighbourhood Watch. When I read what Neighbourhood Prayer Network's wider aims were, I knew these idea were compatible. Rebekah encouraged us to go ahead because there was no set way of going about it and asked me to become a postcode coordinator for the National scheme. We developed our own sign up sheets and asked our Churches Together representatives to give them out at their church. I also entered all the names on our own database. We also divided up the town into Wards and asked for Ward co-ordinators to get people together. Their job was to enable people to get to know each other and to find out from each other what the prayer needs were. So far we have held several ward meetings and although we are thinly spread, there is a good sense of purpose. We are hoping to hold a united service in the autumn where we will encourage more people to join. What I like about Neighbourhood Prayer Network is that it gives people a sense of responsibility for their street. So many people travel miles to get to their church and we are





in danger of losing the connection between church and our community. Neighbourhood prayer Network helps re-connect the church with the community.

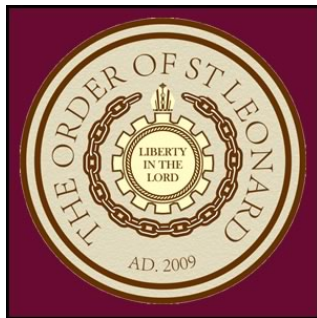
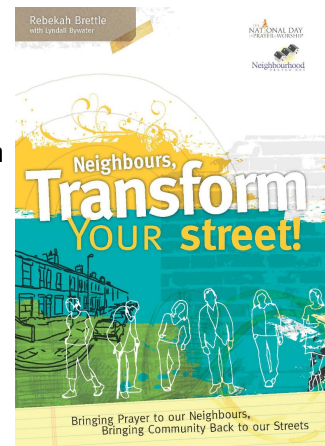
[Click here](#) if you want to see examples of our a leaflet we give out locally. If you would like a Word document version of this please email Rebekah.

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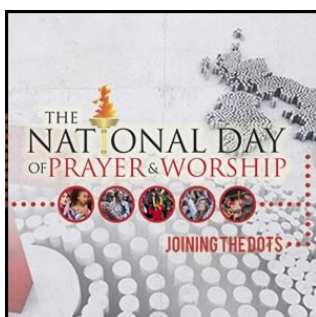


Special Book Offer

In our book, Neighbour's Transform Your Street, we detail many more testimonies like this, as well as prayer guides and contributions from Jonathan Oloyede, Les Isaacs, Matt Wilson, Debra Green, J.John, Lloyd Cooke, Paul Blakey and many more. Please, if you haven't already, buy our book. We have a [special offer](#) on for the next three weeks where you can buy our book and City Changing Prayer together £14 plus postage of £2.49 instead of £18 + £3 postage if you buy separately.



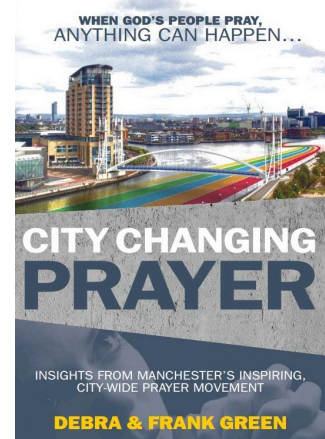
Below is a book review of City Changing prayer. Our charity relies on money from the book to keep going. We also believe this is an invaluable resource for you and your church.



City Changing Prayer

There are many challenges facing this nation and indeed the church. Many of us have been given a vision from God for our own communities, but don't always know how to proceed.

Recently, I have re- read a book called City Changing Prayer, by Frank and Debra Green. I first read this book not long after becoming a Christian on Alpha in 2003. This book made me believe in prayer and set me off on a journey that lead me to seeing Neighbourhood Prayer Network realised.



Debra has been a spiritual Mother to me over the last ten years and NPN strongly supports her work at [Redeeming Our Communities](#).

In City Changing prayer, she details how to pray with Christians from other denominations and shares the journey of city wide prayer meetings in Manchester that lead to Message 2000, Festival Manchester and crime rates falling. I believe if you are



hoping to pray with other Christians or work on projects with other Christians, this is an essential read. This is not just for people who live in cities, it has principals which are universal.

Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

MATT 8:23-27

Lord I pray for people on my street who are facing a storm in their life this week. Help them to cry out to you in the storm, and to discover a faith in You. If you are aware of a crisis in a neighbour's life, send them a card to show that you care.

CARE

Could you organise a barbeque with your home group or church and invite your neighbours?

SHARE

Could you give out prayer request cards, to your neighbours as a wider home group or church activity? Over the coming weeks pray confidentially for any prayer requests. See page 169 of Neighbours, Transform Your Street.

Every Blessing



Rebekah Brettle

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