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Newsletter Update

Friday 8th March 2013



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Stats

1,226 Streets being prayed for [See Map](#)
 123,826 Houses on those streets (101 per street)
 294,240 People living there (240 per street)
 **[Click here to see our research sources.](#)



Dear Carl,

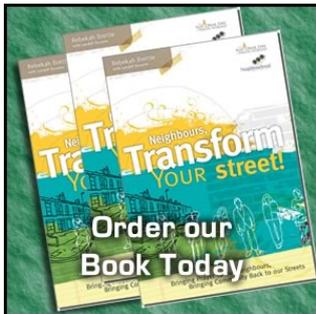
I hope our Cornish friends had a happy St. Pirian's day on March 5th. I apologise for not being aware of this day in advance!

Thank you for everything that you do in prayer and in reaching out to your neighbours. We make many suggestions in our newsletter and don't expect everyone to do everything, only what you feel God is leading you to do. At its simplest, please aim to regularly pray for the same three households on your street and get to know your neighbours. The impact of this, if we all do it, would be incredible!

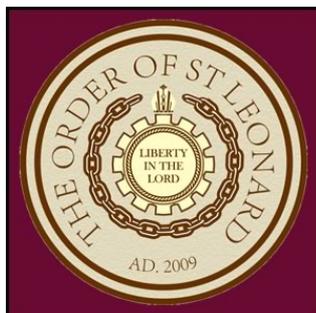


Streetprayer

Several people have contacted us to tell us about [Streetprayer](#) in Oxford. I am happy to report that Neighbourhood Prayer Network and Street Prayer are seeking a closer working relationship in the coming weeks.



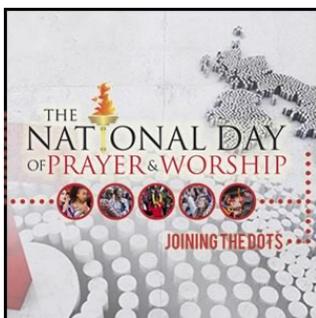
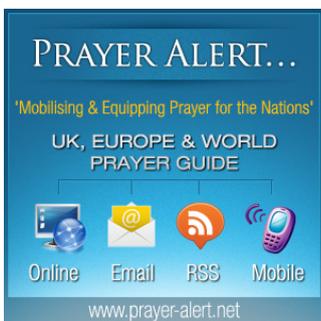
The emphasis of Streetprayer is in encouraging Christians to find other Christians on their street and pray together for their streets. Clearly this is something Neighbourhood Prayer Network fully supports. We encourage you to read this testimony of how they began and what has happened since and perhaps consider using their model in your area. We believe that God has been speaking to many of us about the same vision and this is another part of the jigsaw puzzle of what God is saying. We encourage you to visit [streetprayer.org](#) for more information and prayerfully consider if God is calling you to organise prayer breakfasts or meals in your area; (to become a street prayer champion). If you plan to use this model, please contact Streetprayer to encourage them!



In addition, if we do not yet know about your project, please [contact us](#).

Testimony

Streetprayer is about helping Christian neighbours to find each other, eat, sing, pray together and sow a seed in their area that will grow into a large tree!



Streetprayer began in Edgeway Road, Oxford, in September 2007. Since then, many new people have joined and in 2010, we launched Streetprayer across Oxford and about twenty breakfasts were held around the city. The idea is spreading and Abingdon, a nearby town is the next place planning to start the project.

In the beginning, a team of eight of us called on every household on Edgeway Road, inviting them to a prayer breakfast. Surprisingly the response was positive from most people, and on the day, twenty came. We chatted, sang and prayed. Everyone said they'd like to meet up regularly, so every month, two or three different homes opened their doors to their street. In a city like Oxford there's a wide choice of congregation; on our street of about 100 homes there are at least six different churches represented!

What has been the fruit of that initial breakfast? Firstly we've grown to love one another more and more as neighbours, and we believe that love is spilling out. A core group pray together every week and have a praise time early every Thursday morning. This Saturday we're holding an impromptu buffet meal for the street, inviting various neighbours.

There have been a great number of unchurched people coming to events and some joining churches. There are several stories like when we put our last flyer through a door and as a result a young couple came who hadn't ever been to church. They are now reading the Bible and seeking the Lord. Several foreign students and temporary visitors have also come and are keen to find churches in their home countries. In fact new people come to every area breakfast and it's thrilling (currently we hold an area one every two months and street events in between).

Finally a big thank you Rebekah and the team from Neighbourhood Prayer for allowing us to link to you. We're totally at one with your vision!

Marcus and Norita Roberts, Founders of Streetprayer

What a brilliant story of God's leading. Neighbourhood Prayer Network has just passed 1,200 streets being prayed for, which represents close to 300,000 folk that we are praying a blessing over. It's incredible to think we didn't exist a year ago - Praise God for all He is doing in a through us - all Glory be to God.

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).

Today is Neighbour Friday

PRAYER

Mark 12:43-44

Lord, I pray for those living on my street struggling with money worries: the long term unemployed, those unable to work and those worrying about job losses. Show them where their real value lies.

Please also consider saying the Lord's prayer at 12 noon each day and pray for your neighbours at this time.

CARE:

[#do1nicething](#), in partnership with Love Your Streets. Please tweet the daily #do1nicething each day over lent.

Friday 8th: *Email or write to your MP and say thank you for representing you and that you are praying for them.
#do1nicething*

Saturday 9th: *Take a prayer walk round your neighbourhood and pray for needs #do1nicething*

Sunday 10th: *Take some flowers to mothers and grandmas on your street #do1nicething*

Monday 11th: *Say sorry even when its not your fault!
#do1nicething*

Tuesday 12th: *Look for ways to volunteer one hour of your time for someone else #do1nicething*

Wednesday 13th: *E-Mail your local councillors and say thank you for what they do and offer to pray for them #do1nicething*

Thursday 14th: *Start to plan a street party as part of the Big Lunch in June #do1nicething*

SHARE

Could you consider ordering copies of the Father's love letter from [UCB](#) (our partner), to give out to your neighbours on Valentine's day, Father's day or over the Lent/Easter period? See pages 218-220 in "Neighbour's, Transform Your Street" for more details. Phone 0845 6040401, to order your free copies from UCB, you will have to pay postage costs only.

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