

Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy

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A Home in the Town Centre

The Town Centre Chaplaincy is delighted to have an office base in the centre of the Town, in Tunsgate Square. Town Centre Chaplain, Rod Boreham, and Street Angels Co-ordinator, Becky Edmonds, will work out of Suite 4 in the Tunsgate Management Centre and Offices. This is an exciting opportunity for the Chaplaincy to further its work and establish itself as an integral part of Guildford Town Centre life. Rod Boreham commented on the move: 'We are extremely grateful to Nicola Mendelssohn, The Tunsgate Square Manager, for bringing this opportunity to our attention. To have a facility in such a strategic location, not only to work from, but for people to be able to drop in to, is just great! We are very much looking forward to introducing ourselves to employers and their staff around us in so many town centre businesses. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who wants to visit us.'



New Angels on the Streets Soon

We have now completed our latest round of recruitment, and are delighted that we have around 30 more Street Angels on board. They are a great bunch and bring all kinds of talent and experience to their new voluntary role.

Over the next six weeks they will be undergoing our training programme, which will equip them to serve those who visit Guildford and enjoy themselves at the weekends into the wee small hours.

You are warmly invited to attend the **Commissioning Service** of the latest group of Street Angels, which will take place on Sunday 17th October at 6.30pm, at Guildford Baptist Church, Millmead Centre. A number of guests will be taking part, and there will be a reception with light refreshments after the service. Please come if you can: the new Street Angels will be very encouraged by the support from the local community.

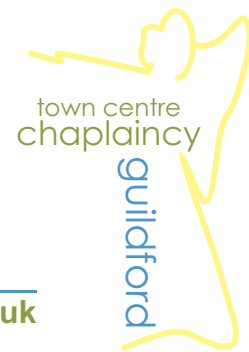


Kilimanjaro Heros

By the time this newsletter is released, our two teams set to climb Kilimanjaro in June and August will have overcome all sorts of physical and mental challenges in order to raise money for Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy and a local African project. They have made heroic efforts to undertake this project, and we are very grateful

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to each one for all the time and energy they have invested to support the work of the Town Centre Chaplaincy.

There will be a short time during the Commissioning Service of the new Street Angels when one or two of the climbers will share some of their experiences, and then at the reception following the service there will be an opportunity to meet with all of them and discuss more fully what they did and what they experienced.



Fundraise for GTCC on eBay

You can now donate some or all of the proceeds of your eBay sales to Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy. Selling things you no longer need on eBay is simple, fun and a great way to ensure they go to good use with someone who wants them - beats recycling any day! And now, when you sell stuff on eBay you can donate between 10% and 100% of the proceeds to Guildford Town centre Chaplaincy. All you have to do is visit our home page on eBay (http://donations.ebay.co.uk/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=39882) or find us when you list items through eBay's sell for charity function. So why not give it a go, you can help GTCC and the environment at the same time!

Gone, but not...

Julian Lomas, now living in Wellingborough, is continuing as our volunteer fundraiser for a further year while he gives himself to a course of study. But we are still desperate to find someone to step into Julian's shoes. You don't have to be experienced, you could be a complete novice, all you require is a desire to help keep the funds flowing for the Town Centre Chaplaincy and Julian will train you over the next year in the fine arts of fundraising. Please contact us if you are interested in helping us in this very important aspect of our work.



Gone, but coming back

Becky Edmonds, our Street Angels Co-ordinator is returning late September from maternity leave to work three days per week. Becky has been very much missed and we are looking forward to her taking up her role again with her usual enthusiasm, commitment and passion. Welcome back Becky!

Football Fundraising Fun

Ed Mason of **Fahrenheit** and **Pubwatch** is organising a six-a-side football competition on Sunday 12 September to raise money for Street Angels. The competition takes place at the Varsity Centre from 5pm and will be followed by an auction. Please support this effort and contact Ed for more details on e.mason@fahrenheit55.co.uk or 07944 346661.