

A busy summer and a big thank you

Since our last newsletter in June, things have moved on apace for the ministry of Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy (GTCC). So, we wanted to give you a brief update now before a fuller newsletter later in the year, which we hope will include a feature on the first year of Guildford Street Angels and news on the appointment of a Town Centre Chaplain. Since our last edition some of the main highlights for GTCC have been:

- Our award winning Street Angels Programme has expanded with over 40 new volunteers, meaning that since late June, Street Angels have been out and about on Saturday nights as well as Fridays. We were also able to lay on Street Angels on A-level results night, which was one of the busiest of the year. The welcome we receive on the street continues to be warm and grateful and our volunteers are able to make a real difference by chatting to people and helping people in practical ways.



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- Applications have been received for the post of Town Centre Chaplain and we hope to make an appointment in October, with the Chaplain starting perhaps in the new year. When in post, our aim is that the Chaplain will build bridges of understanding, trust and cooperation between Guildford's communities of work, faith, leisure and society and serve people by providing and organising pastoral care for anyone who lives in, works in or visits the town centre.



- Over 65 wonderful people completed the 38 mile Y2Y cycle ride from Hove to Bramley along the Downs Link Way to raise money for Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy, Guildford YMCA and Hove YMCA. Thank you to you all.

- And we are particularly privileged to have been chosen as one of two charities to benefit from the forthcoming *How England Won the 2009 Ashes Celebration Networking Lunch* on 23rd October, with a special live guest appearance from England wicketkeeper, Matt Prior. Thank you so much to both Eagle Radio and Guildford Town Centre Partnership, who have organised this event.

These really are exciting times and we want to thank everyone who is supporting us in so many different ways. Your support means so much to us and encourages us to want to do even more.

GTCC Kilimanjaro challenge 2010

At 5895m, Mount Kilimanjaro is the roof of Africa. Could you climb it for us?



In 2010 we are running, in conjunction with our partners The Really Wild Travel Company, two fundraising trips to the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania and we'd love you to take part!

During your two-week trip you'll spend 6 days summiting Uhuru Peak, the highest point in Africa, along the Machame route, which will give you the best opportunity for acclimatisation. The climb will take you up and away from the rolling plains of Moshi, through dense cloud forest, moorland and ultimately reaching the alpine zone. Throughout this, a team of local guides and porters will be there to provide you with everything you'll need to make it to the top.

We're also keen that this should not just be a tourist experience and we'd like you to leave having had a real experience of Tanzanian life and culture. For the rest of the trip, you'll undertake a 5-day placement with one of our two partner-charities in the Moshi region (with whom we will share some of the funds raised):

- **Mkombozi**: a charity based in Kilimanjaro region working with street children in Moshi and Arusha. Here you'll be introduced to the harsh reality of the Tanzanian streets and have the opportunity to use your own talents and interests in their outreach programmes.
- **UNCODET**: a small, locally run NGO in Uru North District, Kilimanjaro region. Here you'll undertake a construction or renovation project within the district.



Mkombozi

We are looking for 20-40 people to take up this opportunity of a lifetime and help us raise money both for the work of GTCC and our partners in Tanzania.

When? The dates for the two trips will be as follows:

- **26th June – 11th July 2010**
- **14th August – 29th August 2010**

How do I pay for it?

To pay for the trip the fundraising target is £2349 (plus a £250 deposit) which includes at least £1000 for GTCC and our Tanzanian partner-charities. This includes full-board accommodation, flights and transfers. Alternatively, you can pay for the trip yourself (£1349 plus £250 deposit), in which case your fundraising target will be £1000.



How do I sign up?

Contact Julian Lomas at julian.lomas@gtcc.org.uk for further information on how to sign up!