

Praying for Bedford Street Angels

(Showing a practical expression of Christ's love to those in the town centre on Saturday nights, by approachability, listening and immediate support)

Praise details:

- 21st Feb launch date
- 14 Churches signed up so far
- 32 application forms received at present
- Bedsafe very positive about Street Angels coming on board

Pray for:

- Committee members getting final details ready for Sat.
- Dry mild weather on Sat night
- Support and prayer team at the base
- For the young people in town on Sat. nights
- The Street Angel team out on the street:
- Good team spirit, working together and supporting each other
- Friendly approach to those they encounter
- To listen and respond well
- Wise decision making in every situation
- Flexibility, sensitivity and compassion
- Good brief and de-brief times
- Learning lessons for future weeks

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Sat. March 21st, 28th
Sat. April 4th, 11th



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Two teams have been out each Sat. night over the past month, they have befriended many in 'hot' situations and had to call both police and ambulance. Your prayers are vital - Thank you

Praise details:

- Good reception from Door Staff, Taxi Marshal, Police
- Folk in town generally very positive and approachable
- Street teams safety
- Specific prayers are being answered

Pray for:

- Street Angels will not be prevented by health issues from covering the night hours (on the streets and at the base)
- Groups travelling up from London for a night in Bedford won't cause disruption
- Teams will know when to stay put and when to move on
- As many individuals share sad life stories wisdom is needed in how to respond
- Teams seeking to diffuse situations where fights are imminent
- Flexibility, unity, sensitivity and compassion
- Support and prayer team at base through the night

Praying for Bedford Street Angels – Sat April 18th – Sat May 9th

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On the reverse of this is a brief report of what the teams you pray for have encountered in recent weeks. They couldn't do it with out prayer, you are a vital part of this ministry. Thank you.

Praise details:

- Good weather on Sat. nights
- All teams have been kept safe when out
- BedSafe have sent an appreciative note of the work done
- The 'Angels' are becoming know as folk who befriend you

Pray for:

- That nothing will hinder individual team members from turning up on their Saturday (1Thess 2: 18)
- Teams will experience the Spirits leading – being in the right place at the right time
- Wisdom to know when to get involved or call for help
- Learning of lessons as we go forward with God
- Easy ability to reach out to folk they encounter
- Teams ability to switch off when they get to bed and sleep

How has it been out on the streets?

- Each of the 7 nights have seen 2 teams out, a mix of experienced folk and 1st timers
- Apart from some drizzle on one night it has always been dry
- The police were summoned once because of the risk of a serious fight
- The ambulance was called several time to attend to folk bleeding from head wounds
- Often the team have walked somebody home who was the worse for drink and might not have made it

- Other folk have been put into taxis (there are taxi marshals on duty and BedSafe have an arrangement with 2 taxi companies to safely transport folk)
- Just talking to folk and drawing trouble makers apart has meant arguments or fights have been avoided
- Sometimes the team have quietly prayed over a situation to prevent it escalating
- The teams regularly meet some young teens from a Kempston home who are staying out beyond home time. One of these has been volunteering at Jaffa and 3 of them have started going to Brickhill youth club
- An ex soldier has asked prayer for his son shortly going to Afghanistan, that he would be kept safe
- A homeless guy needs prayer that his good intentions of entering detox and separating from his girlfriend who is a bad influence, will be carried out
- Police are aware of tension between Polish and West Indians, but the teams haven't witnessed this



Praying for
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Sat. May 16th, 23rd,
30th
Sat. June 6th, 13th

Thank you for joining the 'Prayer team' for Bedford Street Angels as they walk the streets on the nights listed above. There is prayer coverage at the base during the night hours, but your prayers, at what ever time suits you best, are also a vital part of this ministry, so know that you are appreciated.

Praise details:

- Several times the Police have called us over the radio asking for our help trust is being established
- There have always been sufficient volunteers to man 2 teams
- Friendships are being built as we encounter the same folk on Sat nights
- God is protecting, guiding and giving wisdom

Pray for:

- For the right mix each Sat night of experienced and first timers
- Real unity on the teams (Satan would love to have friction building up)
- Wisdom to know when to get involved and when to hold back – pouring prayer into the area



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Sat. June 20th, 27th

Sat. July 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th,

Prayer is a vital part of this ministry, so know that you are appreciated (under cover team), as you pray over the nights highlighted above.

We are finding that the town is generally quieter now at night, but of course don't know if this will alter!

Praise details:

- For continued safety on the streets
- Good relationships with those also on duty each Sat.
- Our work is appreciated by the majority
- Tremendous openness as folk share their burdens

Prayer details:

- Sufficient 'Angels' will turn up each Sat. night
- God's leading in the streets to walk, so that the team is where they are most needed
- Each teams interaction with those folk out in the town
- Wisdom in what to say and how to respond to each situation
- Stamina levels as each night wears on!
- For ongoing recruitment, training and forward planning



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**Sat. August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd
and 29th**

Sat. September 5th, 12th

Report Back:

The town Centre has been a lot quieter in recent weeks on a Sat night. Now whether this is normal in the summer, a result of the economic climate or due to your prayers is unclear! But pray on because there are still folk out there to whom we can be the presence of Jesus. We'd like to have more volunteer 'Angels' so that each Sat we can send out 2 teams, please make this too a matter for prayer. Thanks.

Praise details:

- Good weather and generally a friendly reception
- God's hand of protection over the 'Angels'
- Opportunities to listen and occasionally to pray
- Acceptance by other members of BedSafe

Prayer details:

- Sufficient 'Angels' to cover during the holiday period
- For a good balance of experienced and new team, male and female each Sat.
- Good team spirit: cross culturally and denominations
- A real sense of God's anointing at all times
- Ability to interact with all who are out in the town
- Wisdom as the team listens and offers help



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**Sat. September 19th, 26th
Sat. Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th,
24th**

New for BSA:

We have just appointed our first Project Coordinator:

Adam May joins us part time to help promote, recruit, train, and explore the future direction of BSA. Do pray for him as he settles into Bedford and gets to know how we work.

Report Back:

The town centre has remained busy but much quieter, less serious incidents, which is certainly an answer to prayer. Each Sat. as the team walks the streets folk communicate how much their efforts are appreciated (from both youth and officials).

Praise Details:

- Dry quiet nights with friendly atmosphere
- God's protection and direction in the route taken
- Sufficient Angels to walk out each Sat.
- Adam's appointment

Prayer Details:

- Speedy return to full health for several Angels off sick
- More 'Angels' to fill the gaps (see below)
- God's protection; all 'Angels' are vulnerable to the enemy
- Stamina, wisdom, compassion and integrity for the team on the streets
- Building bridges of friendship as some faces become familiar
- For Adam to know God's clear leading in this new appointment



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**Sat. Nov 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Wed. Nov 18th
Sat. Dec. 5th, 12th**

News from the Streets:

The new red fleece jackets are a hit, more easily visible, though on wet nights we'll have to swop them for the navy anoraks.

We get lots of folk asking who we are, with very positive comments.

Wed 18th Nov we'll be along the Embankment for switching on the Christmas lights, a request from Bed:Safe.

We struggle some Sat nights to get 2 teams + prayer coverage at the base

Praise Details:

- God's intervention – right people on team and in right place
- His protection on the teams and the town centre
- Good relationships being built with officials

Prayer Details:

- Work being done on a promotional DVD
- Sensitivity to the Spirits guidance when out
- Readiness to listen and respond to questions
- Weather conditions and protection
- Investigating possibility of a new base for Sat night to bring folk back to lots to consider, wisdom needed