

Chairman's Report

Andrew Henderson

As we entered 2024 it was a time for the trustees to reflect on the past year but also to look forward to what is to come. We remember that the Chaplaincy was born as an expression of the collective mind of many Aylesbury churches working together to reach out pastorally to serve the people of our town. People working in unity pleases God greatly and so once again can I thank you for your engagement with our work. Our Chaplains, Street Angels and Healing on the Streets teams are drawn from over 20 local churches. I know they love sharing time with those from these various congregations. At our summer barbeque there was a great sense of togetherness as we were able to spend more social time together. God has graciously sent new members to our team, others have stepped down and we sincerely thank them for their service.

We are also very thankful for Mark and Ellie, our two paid staff, who have been doing such an excellent job. During the year they agreed to take on extra hours, necessary to maintain our growing opportunities. This was possible thanks to the continued financial support of churches and individuals as well as through community and charity donations and grant applications. Keeping in a financially healthy position is an ongoing challenge. God has always provided for our needs but bringing them to Him in prayer is so important. Thank you to all those who intercede for our work, you are essential and very much valued.

We started 2024 planning more opportunities to meet and pray together in person.

In 2023 we seem to have returned to 'normal' after the restrictions caused by the Covid pandemic but I hope we don't just settle into routine! I am sure God has new things in store for us and we look forward to discovering what they are.

So lastly can I also pay tribute to my fellow trustees, Doug and David, who are great encouragers and wise men of God. Whether as trustees, staff team, chaplains, financial supporters or intercessors, we are in this together. I hope we will continue to work in unity and pray for God's continued favour in 2024.

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Partnerships & Communication

We send out regular newsletters to our volunteers (monthly), our Friends (quarterly), church groups and other partner organisations (monthly). In addition, we share fortnightly updates with prayer supporters. All these are sent on Mailchimp which enables us to keep track of which emails are opened.

We completed a major website upgrade in early 2023 and now use this, plus Twitter, to keep people up to date with our activities.

Our speaking engagements this year included Holy Trinity, Aylesbury Vineyard Church, the Macular Society, The Friendship Club, and 925. Mark took some time off at the beginning of 2023 for health reasons, and we are glad to report that his treatment was successful and he is back, firing on all cylinders!

Mark has attended the IAG meetings, as well as attending Pubwatch, the ACN and TVP Chaplaincy meetings.

In June, Mark attended the Police Joint Forces gathering which was very informative.

In October, Ellie & Mark attended a Thames Valley Police Community Engagement conference at the Kassam Stadium, where Mark was a keynote speaker on the Legacy of the Chaplaincy in Aylesbury. His talk was very well received and we had some excellent feedback on how important our work (and others like us) is to community policing.

All of these ongoing partnerships and supporters are so appreciated by all of us at the Chaplaincy. Thank you for all you do for our town.



Chaplains. At Bucks New University Marlene continued to support students and staff until July, when she stepped back due to training commitments. Kane continued his shifts at Aylesbury College.

In the town centre, Melissa & Jean encouraged and supported shoppers and shopworkers in Friars' Square, Ken covered the Kingsbury & Market Square areas, and Mark visited the town centre weekly. David and Pete continued to support people in Vale Park, along the canal/canal basin area and The Exchange part of the town centre. David also continued his work with the British Legion and Royal Naval Association. We welcomed Sue to our team, who offers a listening ear and friendly face along the canal and in Aston Clinton Park to fellow dog walkers.

Melody continued with building relationships and supporting those at Aylesbury Crown Court, and also helped out on an Aylesbury Women's Aid Freedom Course. Melissa continued to support those in Morrisons supermarket.

Mark continued supporting Thames Valley officers and staff at the Police Station, plus attending when the Welfare van visited the Station. He also was able to continue networking with the wider Police Chaplaincy and attended training with them.

In total the Chaplains were out on over 200 occasions -400+ volunteer hours.





Our Street Angels have continued to be able to help people, providing first aid, water, flips flops and lollies to revellers and hot meals and drinks, warm clothing and sleeping bags to the rough sleepers. They also provided encouragement to doorstaff and others working in the night-time economy. We now carry a Critical Bleed Kit and Emergency Homeless Packs to support our work. We have an arrangement with a local food van and have vouchers to give away hot food and a drink to the rough sleepers.

We welcomed 4 new Street Angel volunteers to the team during the year. In 2023 the Street Angels were out on 43 occasions - a total of 516 volunteer hours.

HEALING **ON THE STREETS**

Sue's Healing On The Streets team had a full year. They were able to listen to and pray with 93 people in 2023. They regularly see people return for prayer because they feel listened to and cared for.

Supporting our Volunteers

We continued our regular newsletters & annual volunteer reviews during the year. We sent out monthly emails, updating them on events and news. We ran a very informative Domestic Abuse Training, offered by Aylesbury Women's Aid which was very well attended and received. At Christmas, we baked and decorated over 100 angel biscuits to give out to folk in Aylesbury. We offer all volunteers an Annual Review, where we reflect together on their year. In June we held a 10th birthday and thank you celebration bbq which was very well attended and much enjoyed by all who came.

Finances & Other Support A huge thank you to all our funders during the year; 12 church groups, 18 Friends who give regularly & grant funders (Thames Valley Police Office of Police & Crime Commissioner Proceeds of Crime Act Fund, Thomas Hickman Charity and the National Lottery Community fund (joint application with ROC Angels). We also received a few ad hoc donations for which we are very grateful. Two churches (Holy Trinity and Aylesbury Vineyard) have kindly allowed us to use space for our office, meetings and HOTS team. Thank you to all our supporters.

(Summary Accounts; full accounts are available separately)

	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted
	2023		
Carried forward	38,648.55	10,000.00	28,648.55
Income			
Churches Total	14598.94	0.00	14598.94
Individual donations (inc Friends)	4175.87	0.00	4175.87
Bank interest	303.15	0.00	303.15
Gift Aid	956.01	0.00	956.01
Grants Total	2000.00	0.00	2000.00
Local authorities total		0.00	0.00
Thames Valley Police	4000.00	0.00	4000.00
Total	26033.97	0.00	26033.97
Expenditure			
Communications total	350.00	350.00	0.00
Equipment total	646.62	646.62	0.00
Hospitality (inc Annual Celebration)	259.43	0.00	259.43
Insurance	369.51	369.51	0.00
Office total	2806.39	2477.55	328.84
Staff costs total	31534.79	5193.77	26341.02
Street Angels consumables/giveaways	470.10	470.10	0.00
Annual giving	50.00	0.00	50.00
Volunteer costs total	130.78	42.50	88.28
Healing On The Streets	242.60	136.94	105.66
Total	36860.22	9686.99	27173.23

About Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy

Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy was formed as a charitable trust in 2011, governed by a trust deed (dated 15/09/2011) and registered with the Charity Commission in July 2012.

Its main **objects** are:

a/ to bring the Christian ministry to people living, visiting and/or working in the centre of Aylesbury in the county of Buckinghamshire, by the provision of pastoral care, including, but not limited by, the formation of a chaplaincy service.

b/ the relief of the need and provision of good health in Aylesbury by the provision of advice and support.

It must have at least 3 trustees, who are usually appointed to serve for a period of 3 years at a time. It employs 2 part-time members of staff.

During 2023 there were 4 trustee meetings. One trustee, Denise Mander stood down.

Trustees, as at 31st December 2023:

Andrew Henderson (Chair), David Finn, Revd Doug Zimmerman.

We are members of the ROC Angels Network.

Our Vision: We love our town and, by coming alongside those who work, shop, socialise and live here, we wish to demonstrate God's unconditional love. We aim to provide comfort, support and encouragement (practical, emotional and spiritual) to all, through our regular, visible and caring presence. We aim to work in co-operation with like-minded partners for the wellbeing of all in our community.



How to contact Aylesbury Town Chaplaincy:

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Twitter: @AylesburySA

Staff:

Lead Chaplain/Street Angel Co-ordinator: Mark Knight

Operations Manager: Ellie Carman



2023

Actual to now

	Total	Restricted	Unrestricted
Carried forward	38,648.55	10,000.00	28,648.55
Income			
Churches - Granville St	800.00		800.00
Churches - Holy Trinity	960.00		960.00
Churches - Oaks	1,000.00		1,000.00
Churches - Aylesbury Deanery	3,000.00		3,000.00
Churches - Aylesbury Methodist Circuit	2,000.00		2,000.00
Churches - Southcourt Baptist Church	720.00		720.00
Churches - Aylesbury Methodist Church	1,000.00		1,000.00
Churches - Broughton Community Church	840.00		840.00
Churches - St. Peter's Quarrendon	200.00		200.00
Churches - Church of the Holy Spirit	2,000.00		2,000.00
Churches - Aylesbury Vineyard	200.00		200.00
Churches - Church of the Good Shepherd	1,000.00		1,000.00
Churches - other donations *	878.94		878.94
Churches Total	14,598.94	-	14,598.94
Individual donations - Friends (current)	2,553.90		2,553.90
Individual donations - Friends (new)	616.20		616.20
Individual donations - one off****	927.62		927.62
Individual donations - Gift Aid	956.01		956.01
Other donations (collections etc)*****	78.15		78.15
Interest from Redwood Bank	303.15		303.15
Donations	5,131.88	-	5,131.88
Grants*	2,000.00		2,000.00
Local Authorities**			-
Thames Valley Police	4,000.00		4,000.00
Total	26,033.97	-	26,033.97

Expenditure

Comms - printing - business cards			-
Comms - website	350.00	350.00	-
Comms - banner			-
Communications Total	350.00	350.00	-
Equipment - other	388.98	388.98	-
Equipment - uniform	257.64	257.64	-
Equipment Total	646.62	646.62	-
Hospitality	14.80		14.80
Annual Giving	50.00		50.00
Annual Celebration Event	254.63		254.63
Insurance	369.51	369.51	-
Office - rent/reprographics etc.	191.11	43.05	148.06

Office - fees CCPAS	145.00	145.00	-
Office - bank charges	180.78		180.78
Office - fees networks	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Office - fees - exam.	289.50	289.50	-
Office - computer			-
Office - postage & packing			-
Office - stationery			-
Office Total	2,806.39	2,477.55	328.84
Staff costs - Ops Manager	11,727.94	1,043.79	10,684.15
Staff costs - Co-ordinator	12,760.53	896.00	11,864.53
Staff costs - HMRC (PAYE)	2,057.40		2,057.40
Staff costs - DBS			-
Staff costs - Payroll	108.00	108.00	-
Staff costs - Pension	1,180.06		1,180.06
Staff costs - phone expenses	454.00		454.00
Staff costs - training	3,145.98	3,145.98	-
Staff costs - other	19.03		19.03
Staff costs - travel expenses	81.85		81.85
Staff costs Total	31,534.79	5,193.77	26,341.02
Street Angels giveaways (previously consu	470.10	470.10	
Healing on the Streets	242.60	136.94	105.66
Volunteer costs - mileage/travel			-
Volunteer costs - safeguarding	72.75	42.50	30.25
Volunteer costs - training			-
Volunteer costs - training (catering)	16.65		16.65
Volunteer costs - training (travel)			-
Volunteer costs - other expenses			-
Volunteer costs - events	31.38		31.38
Volunteer costs Total	120.78	42.50	78.28
Total	36,860.22	9,686.99	27,173
c/f	27,822.30	313.01	27,509.29

*Thomas Hickman Trust £2000

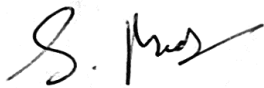
AUDIT CERTIFICATE FOR AYLESBURY TOWN CHAPLAINCY.

I certify that the attached Income and Expenditure Account to 31st December 2023 are in accordance with records and information supplied to me, subject to the comments made below. This Independent Examination has been carried out in accordance with the directions and guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Notes to the Accounts-

- a) The Town Chaplaincy contributes to the Church Workers Pension Fund on behalf of those employed and the Fund organisers have issued a valuation to comply with FRS102 requirement.
- b) There is currently a Funding issue, which I understand is being addressed, but I need to emphasise that there is a need to consider additional income sources and examine expenditure with a view to reduce where possible. This process is already being undertaken and I would recommend that the Trustees ensure this continues.
- c) There were no Assets which should be treated as Capital items.

I would like to thank the Operations Manager for her help and co-operation with this Examination..



Steve Marks FMAAT

Dated 2 nd April 2024

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