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Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy

The Newsletter of Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy



We need more Angels!

In our tenth year of operation the need for volunteer angels to come forward remains critical to our success as an organisation. Recruitment is happening now for the Autumn training sessions and so if you know of somebody who may be interested in taking up one of the three types of role please do get in touch with Fiona Ford who can let you have the dates and venues of training and arrange a taster session appropriate to the role. This summer we launched our **#BeAnAngel** campaign so please find your Angel wings dress up and take your Angel selfie in a wacky location in Guildford or beyond and post them under the **#BeAnAngel** or send them in to our Facebook page so we can share them. We have wings if you want to borrow them. Contact Mike Smith email mike.smithpbd@gmail.com who will be pleased to loan you a set.

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streetangels

STREET ANGELS

Street Angels provide care and support

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CHAPLAINS

Visit local companies and businesses

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communityangels

COMMUNITY ANGELS

Practical, emotional and listening support

COMMUNITY

CARE

COMPASSION

for people in
our town

Be An Angel

**Aiming to
raise £30k**

In our tenth anniversary year we are aiming to raise £30,000 towards the costs of running GTCC. We're already a third of the way there but need more help. Find out how you can help inside.

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News Round Up

Community Angel Rachel Guilford and Street Angel co-ordinator Fiona Ford ran a GTCC stall at Millmead Baptist Church in June as part of the #LoveGuildford week. Several people expressed interest in finding out more or considering joining us. Over a dozen other voluntary groups in Guildford were present as part of the event.



One of Guildford's newest restaurants opened its doors in June in the refurbished Tunsgate Quarter. The Cosy Club invited several Community and Street Angels along to their special guests night the evening before the official opening. We were happy to go along as the Cosy Club chain have a strong ethos for giving back to the community and they kindly supported us for their first month of operation, so for every coffee or burger sold some money helped fund GTCC work. Thank you Cosy Club for the generous donation of just over £1,000!



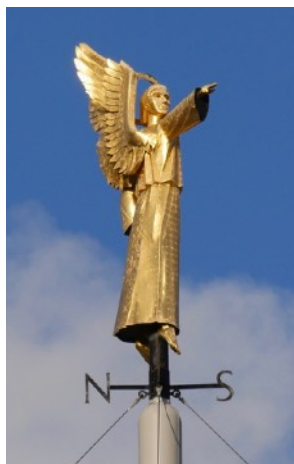
On April 15th over 100 guests and Angels attended the 10th anniversary celebration of GTCC and the launch of the 'Be An Angel' campaign up at Guildford Cathedral. Local dignitaries including the Mayor and Lord Lieutenant of Surrey spoke of the valuable contribution GTCC has made to the local community over the last decade. The afternoon was complimented by the excellent



Godalming concert band the Accidentals who played classic songs from their extensive repertoire. The Mayor Nigel Manning cut the 10th anniversary birthday cake which was then shared with the gathered audience. There was also an opportunity to have pictures taken on the 'selfie Angel' frames which many guests and Angels took advantage of. Thanks to all of those who provided cakes and took part.

On Pentecost Sunday several of our Angels volunteered to help out with stewarding of the event held at the Cathedral.

News Round Up - Tower Fundraiser



The Town Centre Chaplaincy is on the hunt for anyone who would like to “Be an Angel” and support the work of the Chaplaincy by joining an ascent team to bravely tackle the most challenging climb in the town, to climb the 249 steps to the top of the tower of Guildford Cathedral as many times as possible on Saturday 24 November, 2018.

To meet our target of at least 50,000 steps we need people to collectively climb and descend the tower 100 times. We are looking for people to join a relay team – so if you can answer yes to these questions please sign up now!

- Are you between the age of **8-80 years**?
- Would you like to enjoy the **best view** in Surrey whilst raising money for Guildford’s Street Angels and Community Angels?

•Are you in good health and can tackle **at least one circuit up and down** the cathedral tower? There are 249 steps to the upper tower viewing platform, climbing 156ft, there will be places for you to catch your breath en route. Ideally we would like you to be able to participate in multiple climbs at pace!

- Could your participation **raise at least £100** through Sponsorship and raise the profile of the Charity amongst your friends, colleagues and family members
- Would you like to do this wearing **Angel wings**? - this is optional!
- Young people over the age of 8 and under the age of 16 may take part if accompanied by a named responsible adult at all times

How to raise funds for the Be an Angel appeal

Sign up to participate or make an enquiry by contacting Louise on 01483 301927

kenyonlouise@gmail.com

When you are confirmed on the team, we will add you to our JustGiving page, or you can create your own page and link it to ours.

Share the link to the JustGiving page with your friends, family and work colleagues, encouraging them to sponsor you. You can set yourself a specific target of the number of climbs or steps that you intend to complete, or you can simply be a team member. We would just ask that you enter with the expectation of raising a minimum of £100 for the Be an Angel Appeal.

A timetable will be issued nearer the time, when you register, please let us know what time slots you will be available, (either between 8am – 2pm, or for only part of the session)

Situation Vacant

Treasurer - Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy

Voluntary post

GTCC is looking to appoint a new Treasurer responsible for all accounting and financial matters, including bookkeeping, payroll, gift aid, production of accounts for board reporting and annual statutory Accounts preparation and submission.

Time commitment approximately one day a week.

For further information contact Chair of Trustees Chris Britton 07481 333997 or chrisbritton@gmail.com



Volunteer Training Day

Saturday 29th September, 9.30am-4pm

Millmead Centre

Bury Fields, Guildford, GU2 4AZ



Community Angels are volunteer befrienders. They support vulnerable adults who may be facing loneliness, isolation, illness, disability, or other difficulties in life.

Come to explore if this role could be for you.

To book a place or for more information contact:

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gtcc.org.uk/community-angels

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ANGELS NOMINATED FOR EAGLE RADIO'S 2018 BIZ AWARDS



Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy were proud to be finalists for charity of the year, on our 10th anniversary, alongside 'Little Troopers' and the hugely deserving winners - 'Challengers' It was great way to spend an evening with our fantastic fundraiser Louise Kenyon and Street Angels Co-ordinator Fiona Ford. Rachel Guilford, Community Angel co-ordinator



PURPLE FLAG AWARD TEAM MEET UP WITH GUILDFORD STREET ANGELS

The Team out on May 5th met the 'Purple Flag' award assessment team doing a preliminary inspection. According to the BBC 'To win Purple Flag status towns and cities must be welcoming to everyone, offer safe ways for visitors to travel home, provide a good mix of venues and attractions and be appealing not just at night but during the day too.

Purple Flag towns can expect to benefit from lower crime and anti-social behaviour, and more visitors.' So hopefully we tick all the right boxes when they undertake the full assessment later in the year. Thanks to all those who gave up part of their Bank Holiday Weekend to serve the local community.



FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

'Just wanted to say thank for you for helping us find our friend who got separated from us last night. You are amazing giving up your Saturday night. Bless you!' KW

'You are so amazing, just keep on going your impact is so necessary in our town. With Gods help keep protecting our vulnerable people in the community' JP

"Hello, I am writing to you to thank you for everything you all do. I was very ill last night after a night out and I was helped by a lovely lady and man who replaced my high heels with flip flops, gave me water, held my hair back for me and made sure I got home all without an ounce of judgment. I wish I knew their names so I could give them some recognition but then you all do the same job so this is a general thank you. Once again, thank you so much. It was massively appreciated." C

Susan @MrPB_Esq We are now on our way home @StagecoachSouth #Guildford, just having said hello to two lovely @AngelsGFD, who made sure we got on our bus safely :-))What a wonderful expedition we've had! Now ready for our cocoa :-)

Thank you @eagleradio for a great evening at the #BizAwards yesterday. Congratulations to @D_Challengers who won charity of the year. Honoured to be nominated, alongside @LittleTroopers_ @AngelsGFD @kenyonlouise



PHOTOS FROM THE ANGEL ARCHIVE

ANGELS EVENT DIARY

Saturday 20th October - 10th anniversary celebration party for all volunteers

Sunday 4th November Commissioning of new Angels and Chaplains, St Mary's Church

Saturday 24th November 8am-2pm 'Be An Angel sponsored relay tower climb at Guildford Cathedral. See page 3 for full details.



Guildford Street Angels
Guildford Community Angels



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