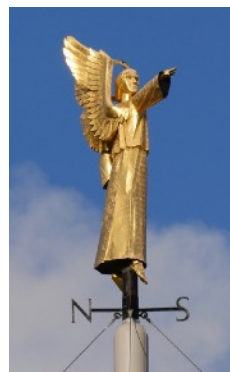




Angels make Towering Impression!

One of the highlights of our tenth anniversary year was when on a Saturday in November, our friends and supporters stepped up a gear and helped us raise an amazing £10,500 by climbing the Cathedral tower - over 200 times! But we have so much more to be grateful for over the last decade. During those past 10 years, we have seen volunteers come and go; a total of around 265 Street Angel volunteers some of whom have been with us right from the beginning. We currently have 80 Street Angels (SA's) serving on the regular teams. 31 people have been supported in their homes by Community Angels and 10 Volunteer Chaplains are

placed in businesses and establishments in the town, providing a listening ear to those in need. During 2018 we trained up 15 new people as SA's and of course our fellow Community Angels serving the Community or as and Volunteer Chaplains continue to grow numerically and in areas of service. Indeed last year, over 100 of our Angels served at one time or another. The SA's have given meaningful support to around 50,000 people over the past 10 years and most probably have received a similar amount of hugs and thanks! They have been recognised, most notably with the Queens Award for Voluntary service in 2015, the equivalent of an MBE for voluntary groups. So thank you all for your support - whether as a current volunteer, in support on the street, in the community, in the work place or with your prayers or giving of your time or finances. As our SA co-ordinator Fiona Ford says, 'This is team work at its best - here's looking forward to the next 10 years and beyond...'



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Interview with Rev Noelle Coe our new Town Chaplain

My name is Noelle Coe, and I'm delighted to have been appointed as the new Guildford Town Centre Chaplain. I've really enjoyed my first few weeks, and count it a huge privilege to have been given this opportunity. It's been good to meet so many new folks. I am excited about all that lies ahead, and am very grateful to all the churches, companies and individual people that support and pray for our work.



As Chaplain I work on behalf of all the Christian churches in Guildford, and have inherited a wonderful team of volunteers who show great commitment to the people of Guildford. For example, our volunteer Chaplains can be found week by week as a comforting presence in the homeless shelter, or a friendly face in our many retail establishments, or at other times liaising with the Police, Local Council or Charities in various community concerns. Our Community Angels initiative was established last year to befriend people who feel lonely and isolated and find life difficult. The Street Angels scheme has been established for many years now, and our volunteer teams are familiar faces every Friday and Saturday night assisting those who may find themselves in difficulty.

Let me share my personal background. I'm an ordained minister in the Church of England and moved to the Guildford area sixteen years ago with my husband Andrew (Team Rector of the Surrey Weald Team), and our three children. We live in the village of Newdigate. I grew up, and went to school, in Walton-on-Thames. After A levels I held a variety of jobs with CWR (Crusade for World Revival), National Express Coaches, Sports Centre Administration, Local Government and Civil Service. During this time I was a Methodist Local Preacher. After my marriage to Andrew we joined the team at St. Martin's in the Bull Ring, and lived in the centre of Birmingham next to Birmingham City Football Club ground in St Andrew's Road, in Europe's first urban village. Later we moved to the Handsworth area, and during this time I was a tutor for Readers Training, and also a member of the Bishop of Birmingham's Liturgical Committee.

Thus, I hope, that my background of inner city, outer estate, and rural ministry, gives me a breadth of experience to bring to the Town Centre Chaplaincy. I also hope that I bring an understanding, and

experience of relating to many people from a wide variety of backgrounds, and cultures, and of different faiths or none. I have a real fondness for Guildford, and feel that it is a very vibrant and outward looking Town, full of energy, creativity, enterprise and learning. To be at the heart of this is very exciting.

Someone asked what I'd do if more funding were available for the Chaplaincy. I would like to see hubs set up for Community Angels, helping us to reach a greater number of people who feel lonely or marginalised. We know the need is out there, but we'd require more administrative help to make this viable. I look forward to meeting all our Angels without whom none of our work would be possible.





News Round Up

It's been a very busy few months for GTCC with our official 10th Anniversary party held at Millmead Church on the 20th November. With over 50 Angels attending, many of whom received long service awards and supported by the 'Motivation by Music Gospel Choir' who sang to us. Our thanks to all those who helped make the event such a success. See photos page 6

Our very own Sarah Ward (middle right article) is featured in the Christmas edition of 'Woman and Home' magazine in an article about the work of Street Angels in Guildford. Thank you Sarah, for sharing how SA's make a difference to the

vulnerable people we encounter on the streets of our town - through volunteering and selfless service



At the beginning of November we welcomed around 20 new 'Angel' volunteers at our annual commissioning service, graced by our local MP and representatives from the Police and Borough Council. Page 6 The previous night a small team of SA's supported the Guildford Lions Torchlight procession and firework extravaganza, to ensure the event ran safely.

On the 24th November 44 volunteers climbed the Cathedral Tower raising thousands towards our annual running costs see page 5 for full report.

Things didn't let up in December as we were able to collect around £750 on our High Street Christmas collection. Thanks to the generosity of our volunteers who gave their time and those who supported us financially, especially the Rock Choir.

The Street Angels were this year's chosen charity for the switching on of the Christmas lights on 17th November and we were also blessed to be the beneficiaries of whatever we collected in the High Street on the day the Christmas lights were switched on, again we are grateful for the support we received from many busy Angels, the Christmas Lights charity and the public too, collecting over £500.

We couldn't let our Chaplain for the last 10 years retire without marking this special occasion and so on the 11th December a surprise party was held at St Mary's Church, where Rod received verbal accolades and was presented with gifts in recognition of all he had achieved. This was then picked up in the Surrey Advertiser, dated 11th January. (top right photo)

We were also invited to participate in the Emergency services carol service at St Saviours Church on the 17th December. 2019 is already starting to get busy with fund raising and Civic events coming up, not to mention the work our three strands of Angels do - week in, week out. Bless you All in this New Year.



5TH PURPLE FLAG AWARD FOR GUILDFORD AS STREET ANGELS PLAY THEIR PART



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.'

Fiona Ford, GTCC co-ordinator attended the recent assessment panel on our behalf.

FAREWELL TO ROD

Over 100 people including 'Angels' past and present, civic guests and friends from around the country came together in December to thank and celebrate Rod Boreham, our founding Town Centre Chaplain, for his 10 years of remarkable service. Numerous tributes were paid including ones from MP Anne Milton, representatives from the Council, Guildford churches, current and former colleagues and many current 'Angels'.



Annie Cox, one of our 'angels' who supports people in all three projects, made a beautiful retirement cake with the words 'We will miss you Rod - You are a true Angel' written on it.



We will all miss Rod and thank both him and his wife Trudy for their contributions to a safer and more cared for town over the years. The Surrey Advertiser published an article on his work on 11th January 2019 and Rod will be honoured at a civic reception later in January as well as being nominated for one other community - focused award.



We wish Rod and Trudy a long and happy retirement and thank them for all they have done and achieved over the last 10 years with us.





Tower Climb Soars to £10,500

Well we did it, and not only that - more than doubled our target - and the money is still coming in. We are absolutely delighted to announce that between us we have raised over £10,500!

Louise Kenyon, who dreamt up the idea and then made it all happen, told 'Hark':

'On Saturday 24 November a team of 44 volunteers bravely climbed the Cathedral tower to raise money for our 10th Anniversary Appeal: 'Be an Angel'. In total we were aiming to clock up at least 50,000 steps. This figure represents the number of people the Street Angels have helped in their first 10 years of operation, and the number of bottles which have been picked up in the same period!'

We are delighted to announce that we collectively achieved 200 ascents (over 100,000 steps) in the time available, spurred on by so much support from far and wide. With huge thanks to the fabulous team of people who took part, and our generous sponsors.

Rod Boreham clocked up the greatest number of ascents (13) and Rachel Guilford was the fastest in an amazing 3 minutes and 34 seconds.

On the day we were graciously joined by the Bishop of Guildford, the Reverend Andrew Watson, Town Mayor - Mike Parsons and former High Sheriff of Surrey - Lady Elizabeth Toulson CBE (who has kindly agreed to become our first Patron) and she joined other chaplains, ministers and friends. (Pictures top left)



A massive thank you to all those 'Angels' who took part and to the generosity of friends, family and supporters who made the endeavour such a success.

There is still time to donate on this link

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/GuildfordTownCentreChaplaincy>

but the page will close at the end of February 2019.

10th Anniversary Commissioning Service



A warm welcome was given to the new Chaplains, Street and Community Angels at a commissioning and dedication service at St Mary's Church Guildford, on Sunday 4th November. Amongst the guests were local MP, Anne Milton, Deputy Mayor, Richard Billington and Vicky

Detomaso representing Surrey Police. Rod Boreham, now former GTCC Chaplain led the service with contributions from Fiona Ford, Rachel Guilford and founding Trustee Rev. Andrew Wheeler, who gave the address.



Celebration

We had a great evening on the 20th October, the actual 10th anniversary of our launch weekend, sharing with over fifty of our volunteers who support Street Angels, Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains. Thanks to 'Motivation by Music Gospel Choir' who sang and entertained us so well and for all those who made and brought food that helped make the event such a success. We were particularly impressed with Alister's (pictured far right) turnout complete with kilt and 'dickie-bow'. We were blessed with yet another amazing anniversary cake courtesy of Cilla Britton and thanks to the team led by Rod supported by Louise, Rachel, Fiona and others who transformed the hall for this special occasion.



Out and About On The Streets

As ever, the work of Street Angels continues every Friday and Saturday night, plus additional events throughout the year and in December, we met many people enjoying office parties or celebrations with friends. We never know who we will meet, or what we will face; but there will always be acts of kindness and generosity to ensure wherever possible, everyone stays safe.



In addition to our regular nights out, Street Angels helped out on the Guildford Lions Firework and Torchlight procession, the town Christmas light switch on and provided a small team on New Year's Eve.

During 2018 many people have benefited in 2018 from our services and we believe that many potential incidents for harm have been averted by our caring prayerful presence on the streets of Guildford. Thanks to all of those of you who collectively, have put in thousands of hours to serve our town. May you all be richly blessed in all that you do, in service for others during 2019.





Ways to help GTCC

GTCC and all our projects rely on generous giving from the local church community, organisations and individual donations. However, the real support comes from people getting involved either by giving their time volunteering on one of our projects, or dedicating time to pray for our town and the work we do. We need your support in order to continue this valuable work in our community.

It costs around £80,000 per year to run all of our three community projects. Outside of our generous church donors, much of our income comes from individual supporters who have set up monthly standing orders with Gift Aid declarations, so we can claim back the tax on their kind giving.

If you can help us out in this way, have links with local businesses which might like to nominate us as their chosen charity or want to see how you can support us in other ways please visit our giving page here:

<https://gtcc.org.uk/donate/>

Thank you!



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Plus meet Dr Gisela Krieger, international speaker, theologian and wine expert who will be signing copies of her acclaimed book: 'The Spirituality of Wine'

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ANGELS EVENT DIARY 2019

Sunday 20th January - Commissioning the new Guildford Town Chaplain; this will take place in the Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St Mary's Church Quarry Street, 6.00pm. This is an important occasion and a great chance for Angel and friends to meet Noelle, our new Chaplain. All warmly welcome.

Wednesday, 23rd January - Civic Reception to welcome the new Town Chaplain; kindly hosted by Guildford Borough Council, in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant, at the Guildhall, 6.00pm, by invitation only. We have limited spaces remaining at this event, having already received responses from our invited guests. Please direct any enquiries to Louise at kenyonlouise@gmail.com

Saturday 26th January - 'Call My Wine Bluff' Fund Raising Event; fun event with quiz, gourmet dinner and live jazz - pit your wits against a celebrity team of Bluffers! 7.00pm at Onslow Village Hall. For details including tickets - see attached flyer or go online to <https://buytickets.at/callmywinebluff/222734>. Kindly sponsored by The Wine Gift Centre.

First Aid training for current Street Angels - date to be confirmed, please contact Fiona Ford for more details guildfordstreetangels@gmail.com

Autumn 2019 Fundraising Quiz and curry night

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