

# A PRACTICAL EXPRESSION OF GOD'S LOVE TO ALL PEOPLE

# **Newsletter January 2022**Why Street Angels?



Claire & Karen in the High Street in December

## Why I Volunteer for Bedford Street Angels

**Before** we had Street Angels, group of Christians prayer-walked the streets early Saturday nights to change the atmosphere and release God's Love. When the chance came to be a Street Angel I jumped at the opportunity. It gives us a way to reach young people who would never



dream of entering a church. It is such a joy to be amongst them and never once have I felt in danger. Instead, people come and give us a hug and ask for a Selfie, saying we helped them or their friend.

We have a lost generation who need to experience God's incredible love. Being older (!) many see me as a Grandma figure, which opens up the conversations. They truly love and respect us, so let's not miss this opportunity. We CAN influence the Youth of our town through faith in the power of the Holy Spirit and with a servant heart.

**Daphne Cherry** 

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### **Why People Thank Bedford Street Angels**

One autumn night, we were reminded of the risks to young people of accepting drinks from people they don't know. We were called to help two sisters who had been taken ill whilst on a night out in Bedford. Earlier on they had been offered water by a stranger in a club but it seems likely that it was spiked with drugs. Initially we offered the sisters help and support, but when their condition worsened, we called 999 and the paramedics and ambulance crew were brilliant. They decided to take the girls to hospital and they made a full recovery.

**Martin Denny** 

A few days later we received this message:

Words could never thank you enough but thank you for saving me and my sister. We are eternally grateful. God bless you all, **Jessica** 

### Why I pray for Street Angels

Before BSA ever hit the streets it was decided that prayer needed to be at the heart of its ministry and I volunteered to head up that aspect. A variety of churches have been our base for the Saturday



evening patrols and at each a small team has gathered at 10.00pm to pray for those going out. Having seen the walking team off, those praying would continue to intercede and then prepare refreshments for the midpatrol break. As they returned to the town, those praying headed home and to bed © This of course all changed with the Pandemic. Initially all clubs and bars were closed, but as they gradually reopened, we made slight changes to our procedure. The prayer team now use either Zoom or WhatsApp to pray with those going out, though sometimes they will meet the walkers in person before they hit the town. Street Angels help so many people so if you'd like to join us to pray, whether at home or on Zoom, do get in touch.