



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

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Called to Serve



From Tracey Hinson, our new Chair of Trustees

It must be at least 10 years ago that I first became involved with the Bedford Street Angels. I vividly remember sitting in Christ Church Bedford listening to Stephen Elphick explaining what it meant to be a Street Angel and talking about their ministry. Whilst my head was telling me that as a wife, mother and teacher I was far too busy, my heart was saying, 'I could do that'. A few weeks later I found myself in Bedford at 3am on a cold Sunday morning as an observer and so began my long association with the Angels. I have seen first-hand the help and care that the Angels provide and have heard from my own students how much their work is valued. I feel very privileged to be able to serve God as Chair of Trustees and whilst I am still suffering from Imposter Syndrome, I trust that by the grace of God we will continue to do His will and ensure that there are Angels walking the streets of Bedford.

But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest on me. That is why, for the sake of Christ, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Corinthians 12:9,10

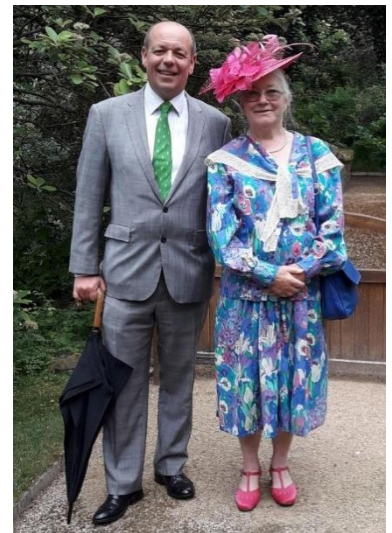
Our Display at the Elstow Abbey May Festival



An Invitation to the Palace

In May Fran Gill, whose story was told in our October 2021 edition, attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, hosted by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The Earl and Countess of Wessex and Princess Beatrice were also present.

'My name was put forward by Helen Nellis, the Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire,' Fran told me. 'It was an honour not just for me, but a recognition of all who have supported, prayed for and worked with Street Angels over the last thirteen years.'



Fran at the Garden Party with Andy McKean from BSA Management Committee

Email to Street Angels from a Retiring Police Officer

I just wanted to thank you for your help and support over the last 9 years that I have been the Licensing Officer for Bedford. The work you and your teams do is amazing, you have helped so many vulnerable people over the years and long may you continue to do so.

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