



STREET PASTORS

in Taunton started in 2007 following a a period when local churches considered other initiatives that had been started in other parts of the country.

A team of trained volunteers has been recruited from a number of churches in Taunton, including St. James to provide support for young people who may be in need during the night times in the town centre. The teams work with local police, night clubs and have become increasingly respected within the community. Street pastors have also been used by local town organisations to support other community events at Christmas, Carnival time and the vigil following the M5 crash. To find out more look at the website:

<http://taunton.streetpastors.org.uk/>



The Besom in Taunton

started in 2005 at Taunton Vineyard Christian Fellowship with a group of time-givers who wanted to give practical help to those in our town in most need. Offering their help through The Besom they were able to decorate, clear gardens and do DIY projects for the recipients they met through contacts made with professional agencies throughout Taunton.

A number of other churches in the area have joined the project, these include Taunton, St James' Church, All Saints Trull, Canon St Family Church, Oakwood Church, North St. Church in Taunton. Alive Christian Ministries in Bridgwater, and Rockwell Green Christian Fellowship and Wellington Baptist Church in Wellington. Further details can be found at: <http://www.besom.com/local-besoms/taunton>

Members of St. James have been involved in several projects over the last five years. If you are interested in finding out more please speak to Roger and Elaine Fenton



The aim of the Chaplaincy is to serve the community of Taunton including the workforce of Taunton's many employers by providing people to offer a friendly, listening ear, and impartial and confidential support through the ups and downs of life.

The people who form Taunton Team Chaplaincy are drawn from churches across Taunton. There is a lead chaplain who supports the team of chaplains who are linked with a workplace or area to visit (usually) weekly with the purpose of offering friendly and supportive care to all. A chaplain's main aim is to listen and take an interest in the people they meet and give comfort and compassion where needed. Over a period the chaplain will get to know and to be known and will be accepted as a caring friend. Please see the TTC website for more details: <http://www.tauntonteamchaplaincy.org/>

OPEN DOOR

was set up in 1996 by Taunton Christians Together in Action and is based 1A Mount Street near the Taunton town centre and provides meals, drinks, showers and laundry facilities for homeless and disadvantaged people. The centre offers a listening ear and helps with advice and signposting to services in the area. They

have a lot of
Worker who helps the
They aim to provide
those who visit Open
supported by
schools, charities and



volunteers and a Project Manager run the centre. unconditional support to Door. The project is individuals, local churches, Taunton Deane B.C

TAUNTON YOUTH FOR CHRIST



Taunton Youth for Christ was formed in the summer of 2000. Since then they have developed a strategy to "take Good News relevantly to every young person In Taunton". They want to give young people the chance to hear the good news and make their own decision whether they accept it or not, they seek to do this through many different activities within Taunton. Dan Webb is the TYFC worker in Taunton and works from an office in St. James Church. Contact at taunton@yfc.co.uk.

They also exist to equip local churches and we are currently working closely with many of the churches in Taunton, " we believe that by working in unity we can see more young people giving their lives to Christ".

Each week the TYFC work in different secondary schools and sixth form colleges across Taunton. They have a presence in each of the public secondary schools in Taunton.



PowerStation is a youth event. It happens on the first Sunday of every month, at St James' Church from 7.30-9.30 for young people aged 13-19. Each month has a theme, with a talk, games, discussion and worship times. Power Station Worship School has run in various formats for the last 3 years. This year we are running one off Worship School Days to encourage and equip young people with a heart for worship.

Have a look at the TYFC website for further information <http://www.tauntonyfc.com/#01823337546>: r follow them on Facebook or Twitter