



# NEWSLETTER

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## MBE for Street Angels Founder

Founder of Street Angels, Paul Blakey, is appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to community safety in Halifax in the New Years 2010 Honours List.

The British Honours System is one of the oldest in the world and is awarded by The Queen in association with The Cabinet Office and The Prime Minister.

On receiving the honour, Paul commented “The letter from the Cabinet Office came as a complete shock! The Honour is a testimony to all that Street Angels has achieved not only in Halifax but around the country. It is a privilege to be recognised in such a way and I receive it on behalf of the fantastic team of people who make Street Angels happen.”

Many thanks to all who supported Street Angels through the **Christmas Quiz** (the answers are now on our web site) and to those who donated prizes. If you have sold quiz sheets please post cheques payable “Halifax Street Angels” to the Fairtrade Café. Congratulations to the prize winners: Ann Moor, Margaret Hornby, Angela Wilcock, Eileen Ackroyd, Doreen Stansfield, Georgia Harrison, Elaine Bielby and Barbara Wood.

Thanks to those who donated prizes: Maxamec donated by [www.goodtoys.co.uk](http://www.goodtoys.co.uk); Julio's Italian Restaurant £25 Gift Voucher; Harvey's of Halifax £20 Gift Voucher; Collect@ Piece Hall £20 Gift Voucher; Jamie at Home Jar filled with Goodies donated by Hannah Love; Phoenix Cards Greetings Cards and GiftWrap donated by Jean Blakey; Bottle of Wine donated by Julie Waddington; Halifax Charity Gala Tickets.

Halifax Street Angels was recently highlighted in a “**Faith Sector in Calderdale**” report along with several other faith based organisations - a copy is available within the Media tab of our web site - [www.streetangels.org.uk](http://www.streetangels.org.uk)

You can keep up to date with Halifax Street Angel news on our **Facebook** Page (search for Halifax Street Angels within [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)) and on **Twitter** (search for [hxstreetangels](http://www.twitter.com/hxstreetangels) within [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)) Our Twitter feed is linked to the web site...



Christmas was a busy month for Street Angels! We joined with West Yorkshire Police volunteers on Operation Northdale - reminding young ladies in particular to stay safe whilst enjoying the night life of the town. Postcards, mints and bottle tops were handed out on four evenings and safety messages included on the Street Angels web site, Facebook and Twitter. Street Angels will carry on this campaign into 2010.

Damian volunteered and did an excellent job helping the Ambassadors steward school visits to the Pantomime at the Victoria Theatre. Paul and Damian also helped steward the excellent ice sculptures in the town centre.

Street Angels joined Halifax Central Church carol singing in the town and raised £32 (split between Angels & HCC). Mad Friday was a cold and snowy night and several Angels enjoyed a meal at Julio's before we started patrols and Damian managed a few kisses under his credit crunch mistletoe (a twig!). The Sunday before Christmas saw us enjoying games, food and mulled wine at Leah's annual Christmas Party! Christmas Eve was a peaceful night with not many people about but a Midnight Mass in the Fairtrade Café helped celebrate the season in style!

Thanks to all the volunteers (including those who joined us for Operation Northdale) who gave so much over December and helped ensure our town was a safe place.

## Diary for January:

No Street Angels New Years Day or Sat 2nd Jan - back to normal Fri 8th Jan!

Tue 5th Jan - 10am, Paul speaking at Elland Ladies Probus Club

Wed 6th Jan - Prayer for the Borough, 7.30pm - 9pm at Halifax Town Hall.

Thu 7th Jan - the planned information and display is postponed.

Wed 27th Jan - some Street Angels needed to help steward a

procession for Holocaust Memorial Day from Victoria Theatre to Piece Hall - 4-5pm - names to Paul.

Sat 6th Feb - Paul is speaking at Transforming Communities day organised by Wakefield Diocese, 9.30am - 1pm at St Thomas Church, Bradley, Huddersfield. Information and to book (free includes lunch) contact Susan Parker on 01924 371802 or see the link on [streetangels.org.uk](http://streetangels.org.uk)

Happy Birthday in January to: Tom Driscoll (14th); Sara Carberry (16th) and Jean-Baptiste (18th - our StreetAngel from France!)



Happy New Year  
from Halifax  
Street Angels



## Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network News

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Churches Together in Todmorden and Todmorden Together (who oversee **Todmorden Street Angels**) have made a decision to finish Street Angels in Todmorden after Christmas 2009. This is due in part to a lack of volunteers but mainly as the problems which did exist on a Friday night do not now exist - this year Todmorden Street Angels have only actively assisted very few people - which is good news in that Todmorden Street Angels are no longer needed! Thank you to everyone who has supported Todmorden Street Angels over the last few years. The Youth Caravan project will continue to run though. Well done and thank you to all the volunteers who have worked as Todmorden StreetAngels.

**York Street Angels** held a launch service in December. Representatives from police, church and council spoke as well as the York MP and Paul from Halifax Street Angels. It was good to hear of the positive impact York Street Angels have made on the city.

**Stockton Town Pastors** have had a good first month with the team of 49 volunteers helping many - the newsletter is available from [www.stocktontownpastors.co.uk](http://www.stocktontownpastors.co.uk).

**Bedford and Bradford Street Angels** have both received media coverage this month - Bedford on local BBC radio and Bradford on BBC Look North, Radio Leeds & local newspaper.

To keep up to date with the CNI Network News join our **Facebook** Group (search Christian Nightlife Network)

**Please pray for:** *Todmorden Youth Caravan* and the amazing work they do with young people; **Stockton Town Pastors** as they complete the first month of running and continued success and development in 2010; **Bedford Street Angels** and **Bradford Street Angels** following recent media coverage; the continued success of the **Operation Northdale Stay Safe** campaign across West Yorkshire; *all projects* as they go into the quieter and colder months, for safety and crime reduction in each town / city and for every

*single volunteer*; **Halifax Street Angels** as they look for funding beyond March 2010; *development of the Christian Nightlife Initiatives Network in 2010 and for a possible national conference*; every single person who has received help over 2009 and for those who have changed lifestyle through Street Angels, etc; *the police and the work they do and for the links across the UK between projects, police, councils and other organisations*; **Middlesborough Street Angels** as they seek church support to launch early 2010.



## Make your New Years Resolution for 2010 to STAY SAFE:

- \* Stay with your mates
- \* Pre-book your cab - make sure it is your cab you get into
- \* Watch your friends' drinks and your own
- \* Stay sober enough to look after yourself and each other - alternate with soft drinks
- \* Always stay confident and assert yourself
- \* Keep in control