

Meeting held on Tuesday 13 June 2016 at All Saints Church, Shooters Hill

Notes

There was a Prayer time from 12 - 12.30pm

1. Welcome, Introduction and apologies:

Apologies: Sue Blackall, Jim Bryson, Margaret Cave, David Chick, Sandy Christie, Tim Cross, Sybil King, Chris Moody, Israel Olofinjara, Rob Ryan, Brett Ward, Dave Williams

Present: Herbert Aparanga, Rebecca Bickley, Liz Franklin, Kim Hitch, Mike Leader, Gabriel Ogunbiyi, Richard Priest, Christine Ridgwell, Paul Rogers, Eddie Scrase-Field, John Twidale, Andrew White

2. Matters arising from last meeting (which are not agenda items)

London Churches are planning a half day event on 20 October at Anchor for All Souls RCGC Church in Woolwich which will focus on housing. Further details to follow.

3. Updates & reviews:

Borough Deans at their last meeting reviewed the Greenwich Multifaith Emergency Response Plan with Ian Cheshire (Emergency Planning & Resilience Officer RGB). Any church leaders who are not on the call-out cascade are invited to join. Forms available from Mike. (mjlcba@aol.com)

Education: Prayer for schools (next meeting Thursday 30 June, 11am at St Nicholas, Kidbrooke) Contact: Tim Linkens (linkens@talk21.com)

Greenwich Youth for Christ - update. Rebecca Bickley gave details (attached) about celebrations being organised during GYFC 21 Birthday Year. She also introduced a mapping exercise which seeks to gather information about youth ministry in local churches. Contact: Rebecca Bickley (rebecca@greenwichyfc.org.uk)

Foodbank: A donation was being made from Greenwich Council Ward Projects accounts to help fund the purchase of a delivery van. National Collection this Summer. Saturday 2nd July. 9am to 5pm Tesco Woolwich. Volunteers needed. Contact: Alan Robinson (greenwich.fb@btinternet.com)

Night Shelter: Plans were well advanced for this year's shelter. Consideration was being given to extending the opening period. All volunteers would need to do the training later this year. Contact: Kim Hitch/Liz Franklin (k.w.hitch@btinternet.com/liz.franklin@outlook.com)

Woolwich Barracks: Richard Priest reported that soldiers from Woolwich were spending a lot of time abroad, particularly in training other armies. Kings Troop had a very heavy schedule of ceremonial duties over the Summer. Contact: Richard Priest (1ANG-BHQ-PADRE@mod.uk)

Hospice: Hebert spoke about the need to recruit more chaplaincy volunteers for the Hospice. He was particularly interested in exploring ways of getting the BME community to engage with the Hospice. Contact: Hebert Aparanga (h.o.okot@gmail.com)

Street Pastors: Mike reported that Street Pastors were under pressure and needed more volunteers and finance. There was also a need for more church leaders to join the steering group. It was hoped that a relaunch might be possible later this year or early next year. Contact: Christina Agin (christinaagin@hotmail.com)

4. Any Other business

Mike reported that Helen Millichap, the MPS Borough Commander, was moving to Haringey. The new Borough Commander for Greenwich will be Chief Superintendent Simon Dobinson. He will take over on 1st August.

There will be candlelit vigil at Woolwich Town Hall this evening in memory of the victims of the tragic shootings in Orlando.

EU In or Out with Frank Field MP and Ken Clark MP Thursday 16 June 7.30pm for 8pm at St John's Blackheath.

Website: www.churchgreenwich.org.uk

Provisional date of next meeting: **12 noon on Wednesday 14 September 2016. Offer for venue?**