

Meeting held on Monday 13 May 2019  
Christ Church East Greenwich

## NOTES

The meeting began with a time of prayer.

### 1. Welcome and Lunch

2. **Present:** Clement Adebisi (Christ Faith Tabernacle); Rebecca Bickley (Trinity Vineyard Church); Margaret Cave (Christ Church East Greenwich); David Chick (New Wine Church); Kim Hitch (St James Kidbrooke); Mike Leader (Charlton & Blackheath Christian Fellowship & Independent Churches Borough Dean); Tim Linkens (St Nicholas Kidbrooke); Michael Obasuyi (Christian Church of God); Michael Okumade (All Nations); Timothy Oladipo (Kings Chapel); Israel Olofinjana (Woolwich Central Baptist Church and Baptist Borough Dean); John Twidale (URC Borough Dean); Andrew Woodward-Russell (Christ Church East Greenwich)

**Apologies:** Susan Boorman (Charlton URC); Sandy Christie (St Michael's Blackheath Park); Belinda Dey (Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church); Andrew Latimer (Grace Church); Stephen McArdle (Ichthus New Life); Chris Moody (St Alfege, Greenwich); Christine Ridgwell (St John's Blackheath); Eddie Scrace-Field (St John's Blackheath); Andrew Sachs (Grace Church); Ariadne Van den Hoff (Christ Church Shooters Hill); Brett Ward (Holy Trinity Eltham); Andrew White (Woolwich Barracks); Andrew Willett (Charlton URC)

2.	<b>Dates for 2019:</b>	<b>Forum Meetings:</b>	<b>Prayer for Greenwich School</b> (Thursdays)
	May	<b>TODAY!</b>	<b>16 May</b>
	July	<b>Thursday 25 July</b>	<b>11 July</b>
	September	<b>Tuesday 17 September</b>	<i>TBA</i>
	November	<b>Monday 18 November</b>	<i>TBA</i>

Prayer for Greenwich Schools meets on Thursday of this week (16 May) at St Nicholas Vicarage, Whetstone Road, SE3 8PX. Prayer requests may be emailed to Tim Linkens at [linkens@talk21.com](mailto:linkens@talk21.com)

**Please diary this dates.**

3. **Training in handling finances** - Michael Okuromade introduced seminars that he and his wife offered to churches. His wife, Neala, has written two helpful books on the subject. ("What's your Financial Gameplan - How-to Guide to a foolproof Personal Financial Strategy " and the accompanying workbook ("Making Money work for you")
4. **The Turning** - Israel Olofinjana reminded the meeting that Woolwich Central Baptist Church was a hub church.

*(Subsequent to the meeting there is an invitation to Church Leaders to attend a meeting to hear more on Thursday 18 July at 7.30pm at Woolwich Central Baptist Church, Brumwell Avenue off Sandy Hill Road, SE18 6UX. More details from Peter Brown at [pdb2803@gmail.com](mailto:pdb2803@gmail.com))*

5. **Information:**

**Churches Together in South London Big Gathering 1st May**

The main focus of the meeting was Autism and Inclusion in Churches with two speakers - Ann Memmott, who wrote the Church of England's latest guidelines (see attachment) and Dean Pusey, who was Diocesan Youth Officer for Southwark Diocese and has an autistic son.

**Charlton Athletic Community Trust** - Free Blood Pressure checks. Email circulated previously. (Contact Steve Hicks 07972 596470)

**St George's Garrison Church Multifaith Service Sunday 14 July at 3pm**

Request for participation by churches. Email circulated previously (Contact Steve Lambert 07531 982858)

**Cinnamon Network - Matt Eason (Funding Partner & Lead London Adviser)**

Matt is anxious to hear from churches who are planning community cohesion type projects that might attract funding from Cinnamon Network. (Contact Matt Eason 07595 452527)

6. **Updates:**

**Greenwich Street Pastors** - Volunteers still needed to train as Street Pastors. Anyone interested can contact the administrator, Christina Agin at [christinaagin@hotmail.com](mailto:christinaagin@hotmail.com). The steering group are considering starting School Pastors.

**Greenwich Foodbank** - Foodbank is very busy. There are increasing client numbers.

**Greenwich Winter Night Shelter** - Now opening November to March. Needs: Financial support, Prayer and Volunteers. Reminder - volunteers must have undergone training.

**Greenwich Youth for Christ** - Reminder of the Fire Walk taking place 5 October to raise funds

**Greenwich Sanctuary** - Currently 11 Syrian refugee families are being housed in Greenwich. Volunteers needed to 'befriend'. Hoping to appoint a female arabic-speaking support worker.

7. **Any Other Business:**

Kim Hitch spoke about Greenwich Citizens and affordable housing.

Trinity Vineyard are hoping to hold a Prayer Gathering for "Thy Kingdom Come" in Woolwich on 5 June.

New Wine Church are hosting a "Maximise Life Conference 25 June to 30 June.

Christ Church East Greenwich June 1st 12 - 6pm

New Wine Church have a Bulgarian Church Meeting on Sunday afternoons.

Rebecca Bickley would like to hear from Churches which offer ESOL classes or other activities for those who have English as their second language. ([becca@trinityvineyard.org.uk](mailto:becca@trinityvineyard.org.uk))

Website - [www.churchgreenwich.org.uk](http://www.churchgreenwich.org.uk)

**Next meeting:**

**Thursday 25 July at Charlton United Reformed Church, Bramshot Avenue SE7 7HX**

*Thanks to Margaret and Christ Church for hosting us today.*