

**Notes of a meeting held on Thursday 13 September 2018  
at St John's Church, Blackheath**

## AGENDA

There was a prayer time at the beginning of the meeting

**Present:** Becca Bickley (Trinity Vineyard Church); David Chick (New Wine Church & Borough Dean); Joe Crisp-Hihn (Greenwich Youth for Christ); Belinda Dey (Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church); Richard Grocott (Methodist Church); Mike Leader (Charlton & Blackheath Christian Fellowship & Borough Dean); Tim Linkens (St Nicholas Kidbrooke); Michael & Pat Obasuyi (Christian Church of God Pentecostal); Israel Olofinjana (Woolwich Central Baptist Church & Borough Dean); Eric Otoo (Rhema Miracle Centre AOG); Jay & Dee Reynolds (The Rock CRC); Christine Ridgwell (St John's Blackheath); Eddie Scrase-Field (St John's Blackheath); John Twidale (URC Borough Dean); Andrew White (Woolwich Barracks)

**Apologies:** Joseph Boadu; Jim Bryson; Margaret Cave; Sandy Christie; Kelly Cotterell; Kim Hitch; Victor Lambert; Chris Moody; David Muir; Alison Smith; Brett Ward; Andrew Willett; Dave Williams;

### Future Dates:

27 September: "How Should Christians Respond To Islam? St Michael's Blackheath 7.45 for 8pm

28-29 September: Thanksgiving at Christian Church of God Pentecostal, 88 Eltham High Street 7pm

4 October: Pray for Schools. St Nicholas Kidbrooke Vicarage, Whetstone Road SE3 at 11am  
(Future dates: 22 November, 31 January, 28 March, 16 May, 11 July)

22 October: Singfest in aid of Mencap. Eltham Park Methodist Church

Wednesday 7 November: Churches Together in South London - Bi-Annual Meeting  
at Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High St, SE1 1HW. 7pm (Food from 6pm)

10 November: "To War With God" (Artless Theatre Company) St John's Blackheath at 7.30pm  
Tickets £5. Email [office@stjohnsblackheath.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsblackheath.org.uk). Tel 020 8305 0520

### Updates:

**Greenwich Street Pastors:** Still concern about numbers of volunteers. One or two recruited after publicity earlier in year. Why not invite a speaker to your church?

**Greenwich Foodbank:** 20% rise in clients. Universal Credit due to be rolled out in Greenwich in October. Other areas have experienced an increase in demand. Please help keep stocks up. Get the APP to find out what is needed.

**Greenwich Winter Night Shelter:** Training session being held in September. Suggestion that the service ought to expand and run from October to March. This would need new churches and more volunteers to be recruited.

**Greenwich Youth for Christ:** London Illuminate Launch Night at St John's Blackheath on 14 September

**Greenwich Sanctuary:** A further two families arrived last week. Volunteers needed to visit and teach

### **Greenwich Shared Lives Service**

A speaker would be attending our next meeting. This is service in Greenwich which is seeking to recruit and train carers to support people living in their own homes who need support.

### **Finance Advice**

There is currently no Christian Finance Advice Service in Greenwich. The CAP centre closed. There is one in Erith and Thamesmead and one in Lewisham. Are there any churches who would be interested in providing this service?

### **Carol Service**

The Annual Borough Commanders Carol Service at St John's Blackheath was not going to take place this year. It was suggested that it might be possible to organise a Carol Service to involve all the Blue Light Services.

### **Any Other Business**

Website - [www.churchgreenwich.org.uk](http://www.churchgreenwich.org.uk) Church Leaders who would like a page on the site should email Mike.

Next meeting:

**20 November at Christ Church, East Greenwich**

*Thanks to Eddie & Sue & St John's Blackheath for hosting us today.*