

**Notes of a meeting held on Wednesday 18 July 2018  
at Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church**

There was a prayer time at the beginning of the meeting.

**Present:** Timmy Ajayi (St Michael's Blackheath); Isaac Attram (Ark of Christ Mission); David Chick (New Wine Church & Borough Dean); Joe Crisp-Hinh (CEO GYFC); Belinda Dey (Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church); Mike Leader (Charlton & Blackheath Christian Fellowship & Borough Dean); Christine Ridgwell (St John's Blackheath & Director of Foodbank); Eddie Scrase-Field (St John's Blackheath); John Twidale (Borough Dean URC & Director of Foodbank); Brett Ward (Holy Trinity & Area Dean, Eltham); Andrew White (Chaplain, Woolwich Barracks)

**Apologies:** Rebecca Bickley; Margaret Cave; Sandy Christie; Kim Hitch; Tim Linkens; Andy Masters; Alison Smith; Dave Williams

**Future Dates** **Sept 13: at St John's, Blackheath**  
**Nov 20: at Christ Church, East Greenwich**

London Churches Social Action: 23 July 11am to 3.30pm at St Alfege Church, Greenwich. Seminar on "How can churches support prisoners and former prisoners?" With Bishop James Langstaff, Bishop of Rochester and Bishop to HM Prisons. (Lunch Provided)

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

## Updates

**Greenwich Street Pastors:** Still hoping to recruit more volunteers. Looking for a 'champion' in each church to highlight the work of Street Pastors to the congregation

**Greenwich Foodbank:** Concern that the introduction of Universal Credit would place more pressure of demand on Foodbank. Churches encouraged to continue to support with food donations.

**Greenwich Youth for Christ:** "Light it up" was being launched in September. It is a number of evangelistic events in schools, evangelism training, youth alpha. Represents a rebranding and a fresh call to mission. Information sheets were shared. Further details from Joe ([joseph@greenwichyfc.org.uk](mailto:joseph@greenwichyfc.org.uk)). There was going to be a gig in the O<sup>2</sup> in December. GYFC has been invited to work in Thomas Tallis School.

**Future meetings of the Forum:** It was agreed that the Forum would continue to meet bi-monthly for the coming year.

**Any other business:**

**The Baptist Church Manse** was available for s short-term let. Information from Belinda.

**Greenwich Welcare** Fundraising events: Walk in the Park (10k sponsored walk). 1st September 10am. Charlton Park. Coffee Morning 11 August 10 - 1pm at St Luke's Charlton.

**Embracing Disability Service.** Following the service discussions were taking place to see how churches could engage with disability issues.

**Ichthus Christian Fellowship.** Leadership Day at the Revive Conference. 31 July at Ashburnham Place. Details available from Mike.

**Remembrance.** A reminder that Sunday 11 November this year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1914-18 war. Churches are being encouraged to mark this with special activities such as 'Peace Parties'. Resources from Hope UK and the Bible Soicety.

**New Wine Church.** It was reported that Greenwich Council had not invited representatives of New Wine Church to the Mayorial Inauguration following questions about their stance on homosexuality and concerns about things said in some sermons. This resulted in the Borough Dean representing Black Majority Churches also not being invited. There also may be a similar stance against RCCG churches.

This is a sensitive area and it was noted that not all churches agreed about the subject.

There would be ongoing discussions with the council about this matter.

**Next meeting:**

**13 September at St John's Blackheath** (Please put this date in your diaries)

*Thanks to Belinda & Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church for hosting us today.*