

Meeting held on Monday 18 November 2019
Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church

NOTES

The meeting began with a time of prayer

Welcome and Lunch

Present: Colin Barnard (Welling Baptist Church); Rebecca Bickley (Trinity Vineyard Church); Sandy Christie (St Michael's Blackheath); Kim Hitch (St James Kidbrooke; Affi Kirk (Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church); Mike Leader (Charlton & Blackheath Christian Fellowship & Independent Church Borough Dean); Tim Linkens (St Nicholas Kidbrooke); Michael Obasuyi (Christian Church of God Pentecostal); Israel Olofinjana (Woolwich Central Baptist Church & Baptist Borough Dean); John Twidale (URC Borough Dean)

Apologies: Clement Adebisi: Margaret Cave; David Chick; Steve Cook; Andrew Willett

Next Meeting: Tuesday 21 January 2020 Please diary the date.

Information:

Prayer for Greenwich Schools Dates: 21 November; 16 January; 19 March; 14 May; 9 July
Meets at St Nicholas Vicarage, Whetstone Road, SE3 8PZ at 11am. Info from Tim Linkens (linkens@talk21.com)

Voluntary & Community Sector Day - Tuesday 19 November 9 to 4.15 Christ Church Forum

Churches Together in South London Big Gathering Wednesday 20 November 7 to 9pm

Focusing on Climate Change

Election Hustings for Greenwich & Woolwich 4th December at Christ Church East Greenwich 7.30 for 8pm

Street Pastors Carol Service and 10 Year Celebration - Thursday 12 December 7.30 at Woolwich Central Baptist Church - Flyers given out at meeting. Please encourage congregations to support this celebration of Christmas and 10 years of Street Pastors in the Royal Borough.

Christmas Concert "The God Who Sings" 14 December at St Peter the Apostle, Woolwich

Graham Tour 2020. London Event October 4th at the O²

Local contact: David Linley - Dlinley@GrahamTour.org.uk - 07923 208576

Proposed Community Days for UEFA EURO 2020 Fan Zone in Greenwich (12 June-12 July 2020)

Consultation meetings on 5 and 11 December. Further information from Mike Leader.

Report on "The Turning" - A number of churches joined together and went out on the streets of Woolwich.

Safeguarding Training ThirtyOne:Eight. Online Two courses. Basic one is £10 - It is good practice for Church Leaders to have completed some Safeguarding Training. It may be available through denominations or church networks. If not, ThirtyOne:Eight (formerly CCPAS) have some good online training.

St John's Backheath are advertising for a Children's Worker Maternity Cover. Refer to mail of 5 November.
Info: www.stjohnsblackheath.org.uk

Updates:

Greenwich Foodbank - Volunteers needed for Woolwich Tesco Collection on 23 November

Greenwich Winter Night Shelter: Starting 26 November - Pilot Day Centre at Christ Church East Greenwich 8.30 to 6pm. Volunteers needed. A new venue this year is at St Richard's in Charlton.

Greenwich Youth for Christ: Firewalk on 5 October was cancelled.

Greenwich Sanctuary - Becca reported:

There are now 18 Syrian Families in Greenwich being supported through Greenwich Sanctuary Project.

The local authority have provided each family with furnished accommodation, however, they are not provided TV's. Many of the families have small children and watching TV is a great way for them to learn both learn English and keep up with world news. ***I was wondering if there is anyone in our local churches with a spare TV (not too small) or if a church would like to club together to purchase a TV for a family.*** if so please contact me becca@trinityvineyard.org.uk or Tim on tim@stgeorgeswestcombepark.org.uk We are in need of at least 6.

Greenwich Sanctuary Project have recently employed a part time Volunteer Co-ordinator too, so if you would like to get more involved in supporting these families please contact helen.moore-start@griproject.org.uk they are looking for befrienders, ESOL teachers, drivers, translators or folks who can help occasionally with events.

Please also keep these families in your prayers as they settle in to our communities.

Annual Review of the Forum

I currently mail to 145 leaders using Mailchimp. The statistics show 55% open the mail often; 10% open sometimes; 34% open rarely. Average attendance in 2019 has been 11. During each month there have been several mails with information from a local church to share with Forum members. Please note that mailchimp does not allow attachments but does allow images (jpg or png) to be embedded in the mail. It is

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sometimes a struggle to get a venue. After a discussion it was agreed to continue with Forum meetings for the next year but to reduce to five meetings, cutting the July meeting.

Proposed dates for next year:

Tuesday 21 January at St Michaels Blackheath

Wednesday 25 March at Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church

Monday 18 May at Woolwich Central Baptist Church

Tuesday 22 September - venue required

Monday 16 November - venue required

Any Other Business:

Next meeting:

Tuesday 21 January - at St Michael's Blackheath

Thanks to Affi and Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church for hosting us today.

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