

Meeting held on Tuesday 19 April 2016 at St John's, Blackheath

Notes

There was a Prayer time from 12 - 12.30pm

1. **Welcome, Introduction and apologies:**

Apologies: Susan Blackall, Margaret Cave, Tim Cross, Gabriel Ogunbiyi, Olu Ogundiran, Paul Rogers, Eddie Scrace-Field.

Present: Segun Adenuga, Joseph Boadu, David Chick Sandie Christie, Kim Hitch, Sybil King, Mike Leader, Tim Linkens, Duncan MacBean, Michael Obasuyi, Mark Osborn, Eric Otoo, Helen Ryan, Paddy Ryan, John Twidale, Brett Ward, Abi Willetts,

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

London Churches "Common Voice" Conference.

London Churches had held several conference to draw together input on relevant subjects. The last one was held in Harlesden and was on 'Domestic Violence'. After each conference the material was pulled together to form a 'Common Voice' from churches on the subject. The programme included expert input, theological and biblical reflection. London Churches would like to come to Greenwich and hold a conference on 'Housing' towards the end of October. Pastor Segun of RCCG Anchor for All Souls expressed an interest in hosting the conference.

3. **Updates & reviews:**

Borough Deans at their last meeting did a quick Borough Review of Church involvement with community across the Borough. (Foodbank, Night Shelter, Street Pastors, CAP, Churches Together, Education. Are there other areas of co-operation which might be considered? Also talked about the importance of keeping in touch with the various chaplaincies in the Borough.

Education: Tim Linkens reminded the meeting that the next Prayer for schools meeting was on Thursday 12 May, 11am at St Nicholas, Kidbrooke.

Kim Hitch reported on another successful session for **Greenwich Winter Night Shelter**. Plans for next year are under way. Contact Kim for further information.

Foodbank: National Collection this Summer. Saturday 2nd July. 9am to 5pm Tesco Woolwich. Volunteers needed.

WSUP (Weekend Service User Project). 3 volunteers from the project spoke about their work. WSUP provides a drop-in service for people with addictions, or who are homeless or lonely on Saturdays at

Woolwich Central Baptist Church. It is entirely supported by volunteers. Visitors can get a shower and something to eat, play board games and have a friendly chat. Church leaders were welcome to pop in for a cup of tea.

4. **Area round -up:** Opportunity to report on current projects and share forthcoming events & initiatives

St Michael, Blackheath were offering free First Aid Training on 4 Mondays in May and June and also "Dying Matters", a session looking at will planning and funeral matters. 12 May at 1.30pm. Details will be circulated by email. There was also to be a CPAS Training Session called "PCC Tonight" in October.

Churches Together in Woolwich and Plumstead were organising a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 3 to 10 May 2017. Details would be circulated by email.

Sunday 24 April at 4pm. Joint Service with churches in Greenwich at Christ Church, East Greenwich (Christ Church, Emmanuel, Ichthus and Christian Life Fellowship)

Also on Sunday, the Bishop of Woolwich was going to be visiting RCCG Anchor for All Souls Church in Woolwich.

5. **Dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 17 May. Churches Together in South London bi-annual meeting. 6pm (Buffet) 7pm Meeting at Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, London SE1 1HW (Anglican Southwark Diocesan HQ). Main focus of meeting will be Refugee response.

Monday 23 May. Greenwich Faith Community Leaders Forum meeting. 6.30pm for 7pm at Woolwich Town Hall. Main focus on Faith and hate crime.

6. **A.O.B:** Graham Geddis. Some of those present at the meeting attended a memorial service recently for Graham who had died in Spain. He had for many years led Woolwich Common Ichthus and been the chair of Greenwich Evangelical Leaders.

New Mayor - Cllr Olu Babatola (First Black African Mayor and first Thamesmead councillor to be Mayor) Inauguration 25 May.

Civic Reception to bid 'Farewell' to Bishop of Woolwich. 7 June

Website: www.churchgreenwich.org.uk

Date of next meeting: **12 noon on Monday 13 June 2016. Offer for venue?**

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