

Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2019  
St Michael's Church Blackheath

## MEETING NOTES

**Present:** Rebecca Bickley (Trinity Vineyard); Susan Boorman (Charlton URC); Peter Brown (Woolwich Central Baptist Church); Sandy Christie (St Michaels, Blackheath); Kelly Cotterell (Woolwich Community Church); Belinda Dey (Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church); Chris Hanning (St John's Blackheath); Mike Leader (Charlton & Blackheath Christian Fellowship & Independent Churches Borough Dean); Israel Olofinjana (Woolwich Central Baptist Church & Baptist Church Borough Dean); Christine Ridgwell (St John's Blackheath); Eddie Scrace-Field (St John's Blackheath); John Twidale (URC Borough Dean); Andrew White (Woolwich Barracks); Andrew Willett (Charlton URC); Tim Yeager (St George's Westcombe Park);

**Apologies:** James Bryson (St John's Eltham & Anglican Borough Dean); Margaret Cave (Christ Church East Greenwich); Kim Hitch (St James Kidbrooke); Tim Linkens (St Nicholas Kidbrooke); Stephen McArdle (Ichthus New Life)

2.	Dates for 2019:	<b>Forum Meetings:</b>	<b>Prayer for Greenwich School</b> (Thursdays)
	<b>May</b>	<b>Monday 13 May</b>	<b>16 May</b>
	<b>July</b>	<b>Thursday 25 July</b>	<b>11 July</b>
	<b>September</b>	<b>Tuesday 17 September</b>	<i>TBA</i>
	<b>November</b>	<b>Monday 18 November</b>	<i>TBA</i>

Prayer for Greenwich Schools meets on Thursday of next week (31 January) at St Nicholas Vicarage, Whetstone Road, SE3 8PX

**Please diary this dates.**

- Food for purpose** - Shola Oladipo gave a presentation on the 'Food for Purpose' project and what was on offer to churches to support well-being in their congregations.
- The Turning** - Peter Brown and Israel Olofinjana gave an update on plans for 'The Turning' with Woolwich Central Baptist Church as a Greenwich Hub.
- Information:**

- London Church Borough Network** - Report from meeting

Neighbourhood Pray Collectives in Newham

Possibility of Prayer across the river - Woolwich and North Woolwich

Development of **Pray London** to some sort of local expression.

Next London Prayer gathering is 9 May 12 noon - 2pm

6. **Updates:**

**Greenwich Street Pastors** - Greenwich Street Pastors were still short of volunteers. Currently the Management Committee was looking into the possibility of School Pastors in Greenwich.

**Greenwich Winter Night Shelter** - There had been lots of volunteers (possibly too many!) It was hoped to find more venues for next year.

**Greenwich Youth for Christ** - Opportunity to work with John Road School. Fire Walk to raise funds on 5th October.

**Greenwich Sanctuary** - Volunteers were helping by being good neighbours. Some English teaching was taking place. Hoping to recruit a Volunteer Co-Ordinator.

7. Any Other Business:

Reminders:

**Is Christianity Hate Speech?** with Prof. Tom Simpson

This Thursday (21 March) · St John's Blackheath · 7.45 for 8pm

**Approach to retirement**

Friday 29 March · Livability · 10am to 4pm

(6 Mitre Passage, Greenwich Peninsula <https://livability.org/events>)

**Standing Together** - with families and communities impacted by violent crime)

6 April · Trafalgar Square · 2pm to 4pm

(Ascension Trust, London City Mission, Churches Together, Southwark Diocese)

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

Next meeting:

**Monday 13 May at Christ Church, East Greenwich**

*Thanks to Sandy and St Michael's Blackheath for hosting.*