

## Notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21 March at CBCF

There was a prayer time from 12 to 12.30pm

**Present:** Clement Adebesei (Christ Faith Tabernacle); Herbert Aparanga (All Saints, Shooters Hill & Hospice Chaplaincy); Susan Boorman (Charlton URC); David Chick (New Wine Church, Woolwich and Borough Dean); Sandy Christie (St Michael's Blackheath Park); Belinda Dey (Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church); Kim Hitch (St James Kidbrooke & Area Dean of Charlton); Mark Jenkins (XLP); Mike Leader (Charlton & Blackheath Christian Fellowship & Borough Dean); Chris Moody (St Alfege, Greenwich); Fred A. Offei (Hope Alive Church); Christine Ridgwell (St John's Blackheath); Eddie Scrace-Field (St John's Blackheath); John Twidale (URC Borough Dean)

**Apologies:** Rebecca Bickley; James Chapman; James Bryson; Pat Mann; Vic Lambert; Tim Linkens; Liz Oglesby; Israel Olofinjana; Hugh Ridsdill-Smith; Ariadne van den Hof; Brett Ward; Dave Williams

### Dates of future meetings:

**May 22: July 18: Sept 13: Nov 20**

*Please diary these dates and consider whether you could host a meeting.*

### Prayer for schools

Next meeting **Thursday 22 March 2018**, 11am at St Nicholas, Kidbrooke)

### Updates:

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| <i>Project Mosaic</i>           | The Project-Mosaic day conference on Modern Slavery had been very well attended and had been very informative.   |
| <i>Greenwich Prays!</i>         | Around 70 - 80 people attended, including the Mayor of Royal Greenwich. It was well received and a suggestion had been made that we should run a similar meeting more frequently, maybe bi-annually. |
| <i>Greenwich Street Pastors</i> | GSP now had charitable status. As a result of <i>Greenwich Prays</i> there had been a couple of enquiries about training. More volunteers were still needed.   |
| <i>Greenwich Foodbank</i>       | GFB were experiencing an increasing number of people need food. As well as pressure of benefits they were seeing an increase in people who were effected by domestic violence and family breakdown.  |

*Greenwich Winter  
Night Shelter*

GWNS was approaching the end of this year's project. Giving and prayer were two of the ongoing needs. Church Leaders were reminded that volunteers needed to sign up for training for next year. It was hoped to expand the shelter next year but to do this 7 new venues were required. Any Church which could host the shelter should contact Kim ([k.w.hitch@btinternet.com](mailto:k.w.hitch@btinternet.com)).

*Information:*

EGLAC - pro bono Law Centre. [www.eglac.org.uk](http://www.eglac.org.uk). 07806 733341. At Christ Church, East Greenwich on 2nd & 4th Wednesday 8pm to 9.30pm by appointment.

**Mark Jenkins (XLP)**

Marked shared about XLP's Youth Work and gave out a copy of XLP Annual Review. He spoke about mentoring and the need to get more volunteers to be mentors. Training was available. He would be happy to visit churches to do a presentation about XLP's work. ([info@xlp.org.uk](mailto:info@xlp.org.uk))

***Any other business***

*GDPR*

Mike reminded Church Leaders that churches needed to comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations. There was a lot of useful guidance available on-line. Southwark Diocese, London Diocese and the Baptist Union had comprehensive advice available.

*Police Reorganisation*

The Met Police Command structure was being reorganised. Locally there would now be a command unit of three boroughs, Greenwich, Lewisham and Bexley. The current Greenwich Borough Commander, Chief Superintendent Simon Dobinson, would be in charge of the new area. He was hoping to maintain the current neighbourhood policing links with local churches. Consideration was being given to appointing a Faith Officer to liaise with faith groups across the new command.

*Embracing Disability  
Service*

Unfortunately the Embracing Disability Service had to be postponed because of bad weather conditions. The new date was Saturday 12 May, 12 - 2pm in Woolwich Polytechnic School. Further information from Hugh Ridsdill-Smith ([Hugh.Ridsdill-Smith@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:Hugh.Ridsdill-Smith@southwark.anglican.org))

Next meeting:

**22 May** 12noon to pray, 12.30pm Lunch and business.