

Meeting held on Tuesday 22 January 2019  
Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church

## MEETING NOTES

**Present:** Rebecca Bickley (Trinity Vineyard Church); Susan Boorman (Charlton URC); Sandy Christie (St Michael's, Blackheath); Joe Crisp-Hihn (Greenwich Youth for Christ); Belinda Dey (Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church); Mike Leader (Charlton & Blackheath Christian Fellowship & Independent Churches Borough Dean); Tim Linkens (St Nicholas, Kidbrooke); Israel Olofinjana (Woolwich Central Baptist Church & Baptist Church Borough Dean); Eddie Scraace-Field (St John's, Blackheath); John Twidale (URC Borough Dean); Andrew Willett (Charlton URC); Lucy Wright (Eltham Park Baptist Church)

**Apologies:** Jim Bryson (St John's, Eltham); Margaret Cave (East Greenwich Team Ministry); Richard Grocott (Eltham Park Methodist Church & Methodist Church Borough Dean); Chris Hanning (St John's, Blackheath); Andrew Latimer (Grace Church Greenwich); Alison Smith (HMP Belmarsh Chaplaincy); Ariadne Van den Hof (Christ Church, Shooters Hill); Brett Ward (Holy Trinity, Eltham & Area Dean of Eltham); Andrew White (Woolwich Garrison Chaplaincy)

Dates for 2019:	Forum Meetings:	Prayer for Greenwich School (Thursdays)
March	Wednesday 20 March (St Michael's Blackheath)	28 March
May	Monday 13 May ( <i>Venue required</i> )	16 May
July	Thursday 25 July (Charlton URC)	11 July
September	Tuesday 17 September ( <i>Venue required</i> )	TBA
November	Monday 18 November ( <i>Venue required</i> )	TBA

Please diary these dates.

### Information:

#### *London Mission Collective Briefing*

Mike had been present at a meeting of the Collective at the O<sup>2</sup> on 8 January. A booklet was available. LMC is supported by a number of Christian Organisations in London and aims to inform local churches of upcoming events and projects. Some of the projects mentioned were:

"**The Turning**" ([www.theturning.eu](http://www.theturning.eu)) - see notes from last month. Leaders' Training on 5 or 6 March 10am. Venue to be announced. There is a local hub being led by Peter Brown from Woolwich Central Baptist Church.

**Pray London** - Is an initiative to get churches praying together when there is a crisis in London. Les Isaacs spoke. It is supported by a large number of Christian organisations. Register at [www.praylondon.co.uk](http://www.praylondon.co.uk). There is a Prayer Gathering 9 May 12 noon - 2pm.

**Zacharias Trust** - a global organisation which aims to help the thinker believe and the believer think

**Mahabba** - which means 'love'. Helps Christians share Jesus with Muslims

**Scripture Union**  
**London City Mission**  
**Big Church Day Out**

**Other information:**

**Food for purpose** - Nutrition and Wellness aimed at Black Majority Churches held a conference in Greenwich recently. Shola Oladipo is hoping to attend the next meeting to speak about this project.

**Power the Fight** - new charity launched by Ben Lindsay to empower communities to end youth violence.  
[www.powerthefight.org.uk](http://www.powerthefight.org.uk)

**RGB Public Consultation on proposed conservation area in Woolwich Town Centre** - consultation closes 15 February. I will supply details if required.

**RGB Adult & Community Learning (ACL) - Stakeholder and Partnership Workshop** - They would like to hear from stakeholders how ACL can best meet local needs 2019/2020. Workshop at Eltham Centre 18 March 1 - 4pm. Contact [Adrene.Baker@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:Adrene.Baker@royalgreenwich.gov.uk) to attend.

**RGB Civic Awards** - email sent today with details. Nominations being invited by RGB.

**Congratulations to:**

Andrew White on becoming Chair of Transform Bexley

Grace Church Greenwich on receiving a Bishop's Mission Order from Bishop Christopher (Southwark).

**Updates:**

**Greenwich Street Pastors** - Still struggling to recruit. Some moves to start School Pastors in Greenwich

**Greenwich Foodbank** - Going well. John Twidale is a director representing Borough Deans and he described the process. Church Leaders can apply to be voucher holders

**Greenwich Youth for Christ** - Joe reported that "Illuminate" had reached thousands of young people and there had been follow-up videos and events. Prayer meetings for work of GYFC were being held monthly at OneSpace on first Tuesday of each month from 9.30 to 10.30am) See website - [www.greenwichyfc.org.uk](http://www.greenwichyfc.org.uk)

A fund-raising Fire Walk is planned for 5 October.

**Greenwich Sanctuary** - Needs more volunteers. 5 more Syrian families are expected to be housed in Greenwich in February.

**Any Other Business:**

Charlton URC were hosting the Watato Choir from Uganda on 24 February at 7pm

Woolwich Prayer Meeting was being held on 5th February and Alpha Course was being arranged at Art Fx in Woolwich beginning 28 February. Information from Rebecca Bickley.

"Is Christianity Hate Speech?" with Professor Tom Simpson - 21 March 7.45 for 8pm at St John's Church, Stratheden Road SE3 7TH. (Flyer attached)

Woolwich Central Baptist Church 50th Anniversary - 24 March at 10.30am followed by a meal.

It was noted that the Annual Police Carol Service held at St John's Blackheath had been discontinued. It was suggested that it might be possible to set up a Carol Service for all blue light emergency services, possible in association with Charlton Athletic FC.

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

Next meeting:

**Wednesday 20 March at St Michael's Blackheath - any offers for venue for 13 May?**

*Thanks to Belinda and BCBC for hosting us today.*