

**Notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 May  
at Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church**

There was a prayer time from 12 to 12.30pm

Present: Clement Adebisi (Christ Faith Tabernacle); Tano Bellone (Eltham Green Community Church); David Chick (New Wine Church & Borough Dean); Belinda Dey (Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church); Kim Hitch (St James' Kidbrooke & Area Dean); Mike Leader (Charlton & Blackheath Christian Fellowship & Borough Dean); Tim Linkens (St Nicholas, Kidbrooke); Andy Masters (Avery Hill Christian Fellowship); Fred & Leslie A. Offei (Hope Alive Church); Israel Olofinjana (Woolwich Central Baptist Church & Borough Dean); Hugh Risdill-Smith (Southwark Diocese); John Twidale (URC Borough Dean); Tim Yeager (St George's Westcombe Park)

Apologies: Becca Bickley; Joseph Boadu; Margaret Cave; James Chapman; Simeon Essen; Pat Mann; Chris Moody; Christine Ridgwell; Rob Ryan; Eddie Scrace-Field; Brett Ward; Andrew White; Dave Williams

Dates for 2018:

**July 18: Sept 13: Nov 20 (at Christ Church, East Greenwich)**

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

Dates: Prayer for schools (next meeting **Thursday 21 June 2018**, 11am at St Nicholas, Kidbrooke) **Contact: [Tim Linkens - linkens@talk21.com](mailto:linkens@talk21.com)**

Youth Conference at St Peter's RC Woolwich - A Chosen Generation 1 June at 6pm

Feed the Hungry Packing Session: 29 June 10am to 12noon at Southwark Diocesan Office, Trinity House, 4 Chapel Court, Borough High St, SE1 1HW

Updates:

Greenwich Street Pastors. More volunteers still needed. Church leaders can go out on a Friday evening as observers. **Contact: [Christina Agin - christinaagin@hotmail.com](mailto:christinaagin@hotmail.com)**

Greenwich Foodbank. Volunteers needed. **Contact: [Alan Robinson - alan.robinson@egcc.co.uk](mailto:alan.robinson@egcc.co.uk)**

Greenwich Winter Night Shelter. Looking to expand next year which would require more venues, donations and volunteers. Offers of building to host 1 night a week welcome. AGM 26 July. **Contact: [k.w.hitch@btinternet.com](mailto:k.w.hitch@btinternet.com)**

Greenwich Sanctuary. Hoping to receive more families soon. Greenwich Council had agreed 20 refugee families would be welcomed over five years. There is a need for English as a Second Language Teachers for families already settled.

**Contact: [Tim Yeager - tim@stgeorgeswestcombepark.org.uk](mailto:tim@stgeorgeswestcombepark.org.uk)**

Borough Emergency Response Plan. Annual revision. Church leaders are invited to volunteer to be on the call-out cascade in the event of a Major Emergency in the Borough.

**Contact: Mike Leader - [info@churchgreenwich.org.uk](mailto:info@churchgreenwich.org.uk)**

Feedback and reflection on Embracing Disability Service: - Hugh Ridsdill-Smith. Service had been well attended (about 160) and been well received. It was hoped that this might be the beginning of further work to engage with BME parents with children who have disabilities. Greenwich Council has organised some training for Faith Leaders around ASD children and it was planned to repeat this again in November. Hugh showed a video made by Greenwich Parent Voice for the event.

**Contact: [hugh.ridsdill-smith@southwark.anglican.org](mailto:hugh.ridsdill-smith@southwark.anglican.org)**

Any other business: GDPR - those present were asked to indicate their agreement to continue to receive mailings from Greenwich Church Leaders Forum on the attendance list.

Next meeting:

**18 July - Anyone able to offer a venue for this meeting please let me know.**

*Thanks to Belinda & Blackheath & Charlton Baptist Church for hosting us today.*