

A quarterly newsletter brought to you by Kent Workplace Mission

Welcome

It has been a long-term wish that KWM should produce a regular newsletter to keep its supporters - Chaplains, Trustees, Members, Associates and others interested in the work of chaplaincy across Kent - informed of the work of KWM. Hopefully, you will find the articles in this newsletter interesting and informative.

Changing Times

2017 has been a time of considerable change for KWM. Ray Borrett, the Lead Chaplain at Bluewater and to KWM as a whole, left for stipendiary ministry at the start of August. In order that there was no gap left at Bluewater on Ray's departure KWM started the process of seeking a new Bluewater Lead Chaplain in December 2016. In February this year, after a thorough process Ella Sibley was appointed and we welcomed her to KWM in August.

The decision was taken by the Trustees to separate the roles that Ray had held and so, following a period of discussion and discernment Revd. Gary Coville was appointed as KWM Lead Chaplain. Gary has been Lead Chaplain to Kent Police and at Medway Council. His time, half a week, is seconded to KWM by the Diocese of Rochester, for which we are most thankful.



Rt. Revd. James Langstaff, Bishop of Rochester (Chair of KWM) and Ray Borrett



Ella Sibley, Bishop James and Revd. Gary Colville

We bade a formal farewell to Ray at the June Trustees' Council meeting. On behalf of KWM Bishop James presented Ray with a card and gift to express the thanks from all involved in KWM. Bishop James thanked Ray for all that he had done, those he had supported and for his advocacy for chaplaincy. Ray replied that he felt that it had been a blessing and an honour to be Bluewater Lead Chaplain.

At the following Trustees' Council meeting in September Gary and Ella were commissioned in their chaplaincy by Bishop James, in his role as Chair of KWM.

Just a Thought

There is a regular feature on the KWM website where a thought from someone involved with KWM is posted. This can be seasonally appropriate or something that has been on their mind. Please take a look to see what they have been thinking about. Go to www.kentworkplacemission.org and click on the link there.

Port of Dover chaplaincy

The Chaplaincy at the Port of Dover has been quietly expanding recently and has grown to six chaplains. This chaplaincy is appreciated by the Dover Harbour Board and is gratefully acknowledged at their Annual Meeting.

The chaplaincy is used on a fairly regular basis for clergy as part of their early training to spend some time exploring a different kind of ministry by seeing what chaplaincy is about.

The profile of the chaplaincy is increasing and the chaplains are being asked to assist or facilitate various initiatives, such as access to the Herald of Free Enterprise Wood and counting the cross-channel ferry collections for the RNLI.

Reinvigoration of the Bexleyheath chaplaincy

One of Ray's final acts before he left KWM was to commission some chaplains at Christ Church, Bexleyheath.



L-R Jane, Heather, Ray, Marilyn, Enzo, Prince and John

There has been a chaplaincy to the shops in Bexleyheath for quite a while and Jane Linington is one of the original chaplains. The chaplaincy is being reinvigorated through the input of Marilyn and John Ormes. They will be joined in the chaplaincy by Heather Bartley, who is chaplain to Bexley Police Station.

They were supported at the service by Enzo Morosini and Prince Brown-Engmann, chaplains at Bluewater.

How you can help KWM

Just three of the KWM supported chaplaincies have been mentioned but there are many more across Kent. Some are team chaplaincies with two or more chaplains and there are a number of lone chaplains spread from Dungeness Power station in the east to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council in the west, and points in between. All these chaplains need support which can cost money. KWM receives grants from Bluewater, the Methodist South Eastern District, some denominations and congregations and a few businesses. As well as the salaries of the Bluewater Lead Chaplain and the KWM part-time administrator there are many other expenses to be met; business cards, publicity material, training events, conference, office costs, CCPAS annual fee, membership of Workplace Chaplaincy Mission UK for each chaplain, to list just some. Please consider helping us by:

- Praying for our work
- Raising awareness of KWM to your congregation
- Raising money so we can support the expansion of the network of volunteers
- Consider volunteering to be a chaplain
- Suggest volunteering with KWM to someone who you think has chaplaincy gifts

Kent-wide Chaplains' Conference

KWM is hosting it's fourth annual Chaplains' Conference on 8th February 2018. This is open to all chaplains in Kent, not just those in KWM. It is to be held at 'R Place', St Martin's Hospital, Littlebourne Road, Canterbury. The focus this year will be on aspects of Mental Health. Do please spread the word about this conference. More details can be found on the website - go to www.kentworkplacemission.org and click on the link there for details.

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