

A quarterly newsletter brought to you by Kent Workplace Mission

Welcome

In this edition we highlight changes at the Bluewater Chaplaincy and ask “could you be a KWM Trustee?”

Changes at Bluewater

You will have read in the last Newsletter that Ella Sibley left Kent Workplace Mission for a post with The Methodist Church. Whilst we were going through the process of advertising for a new Lead Chaplain, and proceeding to interview Revd. Malcolm Cooper contacted us to ask if he could help out. Both KWM and the Management Team at Bluewater were grateful for Malcolm’s offer. Malcolm had been the first Lead Chaplain at Bluewater from when it was a construction site to 2012. Malcolm was the part-time interim chaplain since December, travelling from Ramsgate three days a week.



Revd. Malcom Cooper

We are most appreciative of him looking after the chaplaincy and reporting to the Operations Group.



Revd. Mark Ball

Following selection process we are pleased that Revd. Mark Ball has been appointed to the post of Lead Chaplain at Bluewater.

He started work at Bluewater on 11th February and is beginning to find his way round and meeting everyone associated with the Chaplaincy at Bluewater.

We are pleased that Mark will be co-leading the Quiet Day at Tudeley Church on 30th March. He will also be speaking at the Kent Workplace Mission AGM on 14th May.

We welcome Mark to KWM and look forward to working with him.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 30th March 2019 - KWM Quiet Day at Tudeley Church (with the world-famous Marc Chagall windows). 10am - 4pm. Drinks will be provided, but bring your own lunch (there are no shops nearby).

Tuesday 14th May 2019, at 7.30 - Kent Workplace Mission AGM. A business meeting followed by a talk from Mark Ball, the new Bluewater Lead Chaplain

Saturday 21st September 2019 - the fifth annual Kent Workplace Mission Chaplains’ Conference. Topic - the Economy. Venue - Bluewater

Being a Trustee of Kent Workplace Mission

“The Charity Commission expects trustees to take their responsibilities seriously. Using this guidance and ensuring you give sufficient time and attention to your charity’s business will help. The Commission recognises that most trustees are volunteers who sometimes make honest mistakes. Trustees are not expected to be perfect - they are expected to do their best to comply with their duties. Charity law generally protects trustees who have acted honestly and reasonably.”

As Kent Workplace Mission approaches our Annual General Meeting on May 14th at 7.30pm at Larkfield Methodist Church, Larkfield, Kent ME20 6PN we agreed it was time to do three things!

First, we want to thank all of our current Trustees who have contributed to the efficient governance of our charity this past year and for some many others also. Thanks be to God

Secondly, we all hope that most of our Trustees will, after prayerful reflection, want to commit to the continuity of KWM and all we are seeking to achieve. If that’s not the case we hope to know very soon so that plans can be made for suitable replacements!

Thirdly, we want to encourage new people to join us as Trustees and maybe that could be you?

As you read the short statement above (there is a link below for more in depth reading) about what the Charity Commission expects of Trustees perhaps it will encourage you to realise that whilst this is a trusted and trustworthy role it’s by no means impossible!

You would be joining a group of other committed Christians who are doing their best to comply with their Trustee’s duty and also have the able assistance of a few paid staff who are also here to be alongside and supportive of you as a Trustee.

It may help you to make up your mind to join us if one of the staff has a personal chat with you or it could just as well be one of the 15 who already have chosen to commit themselves to supporting our Christian Charity in this most important way.

What’s involved I hear you rightly ask?

There are only four evening Trustee meetings a year and usually in March, June, September, December. In addition there is the Annual General Meeting and Report that is usually held in May.

In the meantime an executive ‘Operations Group’, (Ops meetings), meets every month with current Vice Chair of the Trustees being the Chair, the Charity Secretary, the Charity Treasurer and the three staff members combining to get on with the day to day running of KWM. These are open meetings that any Trustee is welcome to attend at any time they can- you just don’t have to!

So initially please be in touch with Jacky at the KWM office (using the email address below) and together in the service of Christ let’s ensure that Kent Workplace Mission has continued effective Christian leadership in the year ahead.

Link to Charity Commission website outlining the responsibilities of a Trustee:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-what-you-need-to-do#s2>



True Lenten Discipline

Fast from judging others

Feast on Christ dwelling in them

Fast from fears

Feast on the healing power of God

Fast from words that pollute

Feast on speech that purifies

Fast from discontent

Feast on gratitude

Fast from anger

Feast on patience

Fast from pessimism

Feast on optimism

Fast from negatives

Feast on alternatives

Fast from bitterness

Feast on forgiveness

Fast from self-pity

Feast on compassion

Fast from suspicion

Feast on Truth

Fast from gossip

Feast on purposeful silence

Fast from overwhelming problems

Feast on prayer that sustains

Fast from worry

Feast on faith.

