

A quarterly newsletter brought to you by Kent Workplace Mission

Welcome

We hope that you enjoy the articles and information that is in our latest newsletter. Should you wish to know anything else about KWM please look at our website or contact the Team Support Coordinator. Contact details overleaf.

Kent Workplace Mission AGM

The very well attended KWM AGM took place on Tuesday 14th May at Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church. The necessary business of an AGM took place first. We were pleased that all office holders agreed to serve for another year.

Chair - Rt Revd James Langstaff, Vice-Chair - John Hougham, Secretary - David Slater, Treasurer - Alan Wood

We welcomed two new Trustees: The Ven Andrew Wooding-Jones representing the Diocese of Rochester and Martin Bradley representing the Members of KWM. We are thankful for them offering their time.



The meeting then moved on to a formal commissioning service for Revd Mark Ball, the recently appointed Bluewater Lead Chaplain Bishop James, acting in his capacity of Chair of KWM, commissioned Mark in his role and blessed the work of the Bluewater team, some of whom had joined Mark for the evening.

L to R: Dave Green, Mark Ball, Bishop James, Mary Olowu, Jan Foreman, John Hougham

Following his commissioning Mark spoke to the meeting about how he came to be in Colombia when he applied for the post of Lead Chaplain to Bluewater. He also challenged the preconceived ideas that we may have about Colombia. He also invited us to dance a salsa at the end, but nobody took him up on the suggestion.

We look forward to working with Mark.

Trustee news

We were sad to say goodbye to Canon Caroline Pinchbeck, who has left the Canterbury Diocese for a post in the Diocese of York. We wish her well in her new post.

We are also saying farewell to Revd Carol Avery. She is leaving her post at St Mary, Stone for a post in the Diocese of Ely, along with her husband Revd Andrew Avery.

We were pleased to hear that Carol had been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday honours. The award is for her work in the local community, through her work in the churches of St Mary Greenhithe and St Mary Stone, and the wider community.



Carol and her husband, the vicar of St Mary, Greenhithe, have built up the community and worked to alleviate social isolation. They did this by opening a community café. This has developed into a community hub providing hospitality but also information.

Carol is also a Trustee of 'Mary's Child', a project that offers support to vulnerable families in Dartford/Northfleet.

We will miss Carol and send our good wishes with her to Ely.

KWM Conference

On Saturday 21st September we will be holding our fifth Annual Conference, at Bluewater. This year the topic is 'Seeing the Economy Differently'. The conference will be chaired by John Ellis, who is a KWM Trustee, former Adviser on Business Ethics to the Governor of the Bank of England and Past Moderator of the United Reformed Church.

Confirmed speakers are Revd Helen Hollands, Asst Chair of Methodist South East District, Revd Dr Richard Higginson, who led the Faith in Business project in Cambridge for 30 years and is an internationally known speaker on Business Ethics, Dr Nathan Mladin, a researcher for Theos think tank and co-author of the recent report 'Forgive Us Our Debts: lending and borrowing as if relationships matter' and Rt Revd James Langstaff, Chair of KWM and Lord Bishop of Rochester.

Details of the programme will be available soon. Please keep an eye on the KWM website Conference page for updates. <http://www.kentworkplacemission.org/#/conference-2019/4591363962>

This conference is not just for chaplains, please advertise to anyone you think will be interested.

Details of how to book are also on the Conference webpage.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 30th November 2019 - KWM Quiet Day. At St. Benedict's Centre, West Malling Abbey.
Leader: Rt Revd Laurie Green.