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Welcome

It is in very different circumstances that we are sending the latest copy of the KWM Newsletter. We find ourselves restricted in what we can do together in person. But this has opened up a whole new way of worshipping and praying 'together'.

This edition contains an element of what has happened and what is coming up. However, the main focus is on prayers and reflections that were written during the Introduction to Chaplaincy training in February. We hope that you find it of interest.

Can you help KWM? Website advice needed please

We are aware that the KWM website is rather out-of-date, and also uses Flash which is not supported by the Apple OS and will no longer be supported by Google Chrome from December. Jacky, (TSC) would like to hear from anyone who may be able to offer advice about what needs to be done for the website to continue to be relevant, up-to-date and easy to read on the many different devices that people may use to access the internet. If you, or someone you know, could offer advice then please do contact Jacky. Her email address is admin@kentworkplacemission.org

Dates for your diary

PLEASE NOTE: The KWM AGM (19th May) and the Quiet Day in Canterbury (23rd May) have been postponed. They will be re-arranged and the new dates circulated and also added to the KWM website.

Tuesday 20th October 2020 - a half-day conference / training. Continuing from the KWM Conference last year, 'Seeing Our Economy Differently' we are pleased that Dr Nathan Mladin of Theos will join us again to look at our economy and explore thoughts around this. Confirmed timings and venue to be agreed.

Associate membership of Theos thinktank

KWM supports the work of Theos through Associate membership. Theos is a Christian think tank, and their strapline is 'Understanding faith. Enriching society.' Theos has interesting articles on their website, have regular podcasts and publish books and research. All of which can be accessed from their website. <https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/>

Questions or comments

If you have any questions or comments please email the office using the email address at the foot of the third page. The church buildings where the office is located is closed. We do not have access to the office so any phone messages left will not be heard until we can return to work.

Training - Basic Chaplaincy training - Saturdays 8th and 15th February

The training was organized by Mark Ball, Lead Chaplain at Bluewater and he was supported by David Slater, Lead Chaplain Port of Dover and Jacky Trice, Team Support Coordinator (Admin!).

The attendees varied from those exploring a call to chaplaincy, those just starting out, those along the road and those of many years experience. This made for a good mix and everyone was able to encourage each other.



Everyone appreciated the different way that Mark led the sessions and how he made familiar material interesting and new.

On both days the chaplains were encouraged to write reflections or prayers, some of which are reproduced here.

Thank you to those attendees for allowing us to use their prayers:

Les, Joy, Lorraine, Jenny, Lorna, Billy, Alec, Adam, Ruth, John, Marilyn, Tom and Michelle

Though these prayers were written in February you may feel that they speak to us in the situation in which we find ourselves today.

Almighty God,
you have called me to be a chaplain.
You have answered my prayer,
in which I asked you what work you wanted me
to do.
I thank you for the clarity of your word.
I thank you for giving me the resource of KWM
and for your servants therein.
May I be effective as Christ's hands in action
and may the Holy Spirit remind me of what I have
learned
and guide me as I begin this important work.
I praise you and thank you for all the benefits you
have given me.
Accept this prayer through our Saviour, Jesus
Christ.
Amen.

Lord,
be with me, guide me, strengthen me
when taking your love into areas that do not know you.
I acknowledge that you equip me
with whatever I need
in the situations in which you place me.
I acknowledge that you never promise that I will be able
to complete the work,
but I pray that I will always have a thirst to impart the
Gospel,
whatever it may cost.
Amen.

Lord,
when we find ourselves adrift in the ocean of uncertainty
and being taken by the waves crashing against the cliffs,
help us to reach out and link arms with our brothers and sisters near to us,
to work in harmony under your instruction
and steer us safely back to shore.
Amen.



God be in my head as I plan my visits;
and in my understanding as I listen.
God be in my eyes as people look at me;
and in my seeing as I look at them.
God be in my mouth to keep it shut;
and in my speaking when speaking would be helpful.
God be in my heart as I empathise with the person I
am engaging with;
and in my thinking as I avoid making judgements.
And God be with me until next week!
Amen.

Lord,
thank you for your presence in our world.
Thank you for the Word,
so that we can share our relationship with
you with others.
Help us to abide in you,
so that we can bring the message of hope,
focussing not on what is present in this
world,
but on the certainty of what is eternal.
Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who art always more ready to hear than we are
to pray,
and art wont to give more than either we desire
or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy;
forgiving us those things whereof our conscience
is afraid,
and giving us those good things which we are not
worthy to ask,
but through the merits and mediation of Jesus
Christ, thy Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Jesus,
I choose to remain in you
as you remain in me also.
I cannot bear fruit,
unless I remain in you.
Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God.
May your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.
Amen.

God give me the PPE you know I need
to look and live and love like Jesus
here and now.
Amen.



We represent the love of God – without prejudice – to those who cry and those
who dance.
We receive the love of God freely.
We can give the love of God freely.
We are not disqualified from loving or being loved by the work we do.
Be faithful where you are –
but don't be afraid of cutting your losses.
Present yourself as a living sacrifice, not a dying one.
Be present with the people in the place God calls you to be.
Some will listen, some won't.
Some were amazed, some questioned.
Prophets take the message,
God does the heart-work.