

Present *Apologies

Bethnal Green Alan Green * Christine Hall Andy Rider Darren Wolf Erin Clark Sr Judith Blackburn Adam Atkinson Heather Atkinson Tim May Chris Newman-Day	Bow Group Cris Rogers Beki Rogers * St Mary Bow -Vacant James Hughesdon * April Keech * Brian Ralph Stuart Lee * Bernadette Hegarty	Docklands Ed Dix Jane Hodges Matt Wall Ben Bell * Marcus Nodder Tom Pyke * Richard Bray	Stepney & Wapping Jonathan Beswick * Bp Robert Ladd Richard Springer * Vienna McArthy Angus Ritchie Phil Williams Peter McGeary * Trevor Critchlow	Chaplains + Retired Fiona Stewart-Darling Barbara Hume * Ella Sharples Mark Aitken * Fiona Green Peter Turner Tasha Critchlow Nigel Copsey Ven Lyle Dennen Nick Hendersen *
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16 clergy present - worship and cooked breakfast by the fireside provided by Ella and the QMUC Team

QMU Chaplaincy

Ella welcomed us to a typical morning prayer in the chapel followed by breakfast in the yurt, students and student residents of the Chaplaincy joined us for both. Some of them helped cook our breakfast. Ella spoke of the yurt being available to other groups and being popular space with the university population.

Chaplaincies and Parishes working together

Four Chaplains spoke about their work and suggested questions for us to consider:

Ella Sharples / University Chaplain: 300-400 students a week pass through the chaplaincy building, excited activists come and go, from amongst student bodies and from parishes! The work is varied and reflects the breadth of spirituality present in the university. *Parishes would be welcome to get involved 'alongside' the work of the chaplaincy team.*

Tash Critchlow / Hospital Chaplain: The trust has 1000's of staff and patients. There is a good pattern of referral between the chaplaincy and most parishes. Embarrassed by lack of CofE volunteers compared with loads of committed female Muslim volunteers, volunteers commit to 3 hours a week or a fortnight and she'd love to see more. *How do we foster vocations lay and ordained, voluntary and stipendiary to hospital chaplaincy work?*

Chris Newman-Day / School Chaplain^{P/T}: 30 different chaplains across LDBS 30 different models of chaplaincy, Chris is contracted for 18 hours contact a week and yet has no line manager for this work that has been identified, Raines is going through a difficult patch and much of his ministry is to staff, but for the school chaplaincy is not a priority. *We each need to pray for our schools and support the Headteachers.*

Fiona Stewart-Darling / Canary Wharf ^[Presentation mailed out] It is about ministry at both ends of the commuter line, 200,000 people work in Canary Wharf and come from right across the country; Durham – Winchester, Brexit is of course a huge issue for those she works with. She is keen to see people glorify God at work and on Sundays. *How do we interpret backwards and forwards between work and Sunday Church life?*

We split into groups around each Chaplain for discussion and then shared back:

Schools RB : chaplains are a 3rd party and independent in schools and this is a privilege

University PW : lack of Anglican engagement, & campus disunity amongst Christian groups are the big challenges

Business CR : LICC frontline material isn't great, real challenge for professionals to be disciples in the workplace

Hospital JH : more CofE volunteers needed in hospital, Tash would like to engage parishes with 'death' reflections

Vocations to chaplaincy are needed and need support // We then laid hands on and prayed for our chaplains.

Deanery News

1. Diocesan Vision Listening exercise the AD suggested we may want to do this at our APCM's this spring.
2. 2019 Deanery Retreat 8-9 October – optional extra night arriving Monday – Bishop Woodford House
3. Lent Pilates still free spaces available in Brian's Tuesday morning RFSK Lent Pilates class
4. Erins Licensing Th 21 March 7.30pm St Matthews

Notes: AR – 18.March.2019

Next meetings

Deanery Synod: Mon 25 March RFSK 'Poverty and our Parishes'

Area Quiet Day: Thus 4 April

Deanery Chapter: Thurs 23 May St Columba's Barge 12noon-2pm **Deanery Mapping**