

Islington chapter: NOTES

9 Jan 2018 12.00-2.00pm

Church on the Corner

Present *Apologies

Simon Harvey	Emma Loveridge*	Rayner Wakeling*	Jeremy Hobson*	April Keech
Steve Clarke*	Liz Clutterbuck	John Beauchamp*	Pete James	Rock Sturt*
Tamsin Merchant*	Alexandra Lilley	Margaret Evans	Pete Hughes	Rob Merchant
Michael Learmouth	John Burniston	Stephen Coles*	Pete Nicholas*	Catherine Carlyon*
Ted Fell*	Dave Tomlinson*	Christopher Trundle*	Mark Jackson*	Tola Badejo
Mark Fletcher	Martin Wroe	Peter Bernhard*	Sarah MacDonald	Jess Swift
Gabriel Anstis	David Bird	Alexander McGregor	Caroline Shuttleworth	
Tania Witter	Paul Zaphiriou	David Allen*	Pauline Nashishibi	

15 clergy present

We welcome Girma Bishaw and then Bishop Ric Thorpe, including observer Simon Dust.

Huge gratitude to Church on the Corner for their hospitality, and Debs their ordinand who also was a part of our meeting.

Agenda

12.00 arrive & refreshment

12:00-12:30 Morning prayer, Gratitude initiative (Girma)

12.30-1.30 Mapping Islington (Bishop Ric)

1.30-2.00 lunch & notices

Gratitude

Girma expressed his experience of immigration to the UK in the 90's and how this has inspired him to challenge the negative narrative dominating public arena. He is helping to create a platform for expressing a wider of experience. GRATITUDE is a currency Christians/church can offer to bring harmony.

He is campaigning towards having an annual national day of gratitude on the last bank holiday weekend in May, this will be launched at a service at St Paul's Cathedral on 23 May 2018.

More locally, we will be having a gratitude event for Islington service providers on 16 Mar 6-8.30pm at the Business Design Centre. (further details already circulated in an email).

Mapping Islington

Bishop Ric Thorpe led us in an exercise thinking about the unreached groups and communities in Islington. We began by thinking about who started our church and why? And then trying to capture on a map of Islington who, as current churches, we may not be connecting with. Finally, he spoke about different models of church planting, church rejuvenation, and church growth.

Notices

- 3 March diocesan vocation to ordination day for women, hosted at St Mellitus College
- Please pray for Christ Church Highbury, who are interviewing on 23 Jan
- St Mary's Upper Street will be on Songs of Praise!

Next meetings:

Chapter: 7 Feb 2018 10am-12pm St Clement's

Synod: 15 Mar 2018 Deanery Synod (25 Jan Deanery Synod standing committee)