

## Islington chapter: NOTES

22 January 2019 12pm-2pm

St John's Upper Holloway

Present \*Apologies

Robin Isherwood	Emma Loveridge*	Rayner Wakeling*	<b>Jeremy Hobson</b>	Aidan Bartlett
<b>Steve Clarke</b>	<b>Liz Clutterbuck</b>	<b>John Beauchamp</b>	<b>Pete James</b>	Anna Mason*
<b>Tamsin Merchant</b>	<b>Alexandra Lilley</b>	<b>Margaret Evans</b>	<b>Pete Hughes</b>	Rob Merchant
<b>Michael Learmouth</b>	John Burniston	Stephen Coles*	Pete Nicholas*	Catherine Carlyon
Ted Fell*	Andrew Baughn	Christopher Trundle*	Mark Jackson	Tola Badejo
Mark Fletcher*	<b>Martin Wroe</b>	Peter Bernhard	Sarah MacDonald*	<b>Jess Swift</b>
<b>Gabriel Anstis</b>	<b>David Bird</b>	Alexander McGregor	<b>Caroline Shuttleworth</b>	Jo Davies*
Tania Witter*	<b>Paul Zaphiriou</b>	David Allen*	<b>Pauline Nashishibi</b>	James Hill
Bola Adamolekun	<b>Alan Comfort</b>	Andy Chrich*	Matt Way*	

18 clergy present.

Thank you so much to Alan and the team at St John's who welcomed us so kindly, fed us, and led us in worship. It was great to meet in St John's and hear about some of their building plans, and hopes and prayers for their parish.

We hosted Jonathan Mann (Children's Society) and Peter Wilson (Trident - Met Police).

### Agenda

12pm - welcome, lunch, worship, news from St John's

12.50pm - news and notices from the Deanery

1.10pm - 'County Lines' Peter Wilson, with brief intro from Jonathan Mann

2pm - closing prayer

### County Lines

- Trident is an arm of the London Met Police focusing on gang related crime. There are three teams: proactive, reactive and engagement. Peter is part of the engagement team and work primarily with young people to steer away, support and engage away from gang life.
- With a national reduction of youth services, the need for partner to support in this work, including churches is becoming essential.
- 'County Lines' is the practice of gangs to entrap children and young people in carrying drugs from the city to surrounding counties. It is a type of drug dealing that is organised around mobile phone selling (the 'Lines' is a reference to phone lines).
- Vulnerable children and young people are targeted, tracked, lured, entrapped, blackmailed and threatened. It is a cycle of intimidation and destruction that escalates to trap young people in dealing class A drugs.
- Trident are working now to help educate communities in being better equipped to identify the signs and indicators of children and young people who may be caught in County Lines. Children's Society as an organisation are working for the benefit of the most vulnerable young people, and so are looking for ways to support and help engage churches to attend to this growing need.
- **Steve Clarke and Jess Swift will plan a similar session open to the whole deanery for those in our churches working with young people.**

### Please pray

- for Tania in her sudden bereavement following Nick's death on Tuesday. When we know the details of his funeral we will circulate them around.
- for James Hill being licensed to St Jude and St Paul's on 3 Feb.
- for David Bird and his retirement at the end of March. He won't be at another chapter, but watch this space a celebration event will be coming soon!
- for the +Stepney here is the prayer:

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a faithful servant as Bishop for the Stepney Area, that we may receive one who will speak your word and serve your people according to your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- for Matt and family as they welcome Leon into the world!

### Notices

- Please give Jo Davies your NI number by 5 Feb if you want to go to the next chapter which will be hosted in Pentonville Prison.
- If you or someone from your church can help host the 3-way Synod meeting on 4 Feb 7pm-9.30pm please let Jess know. We desperately need 6 people to help with the evening.
- Check out BBC iplayer to see Sarah MacDonald recently in a news piece on faith and young people.
- John Beauchamp reminded everyone of the Eritrean evening at St Stephen's coming up.

Next meetings:

Chapter: Tues 12 Feb 2019 10am-12pm Pentonville Prison

Synod:

3-way Mon 4 Feb 7-9.30pm St David's

Islington 14 Mar 2019 7-9.30pm St Augustine's.

Chapter meetings 2019:

Tues 22 Jan 12-2pm

**Tues 12 Feb 10am-12pm**

Thurs 21 Mar 10am-12pm

(none in April to give space for Easter)

**Wed 13 May 12-2pm**

Wed 11 June 10am-12pm

Thurs 11 July 10am-12pm