

BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL

ANNUAL REPORT ON CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CENTRAL BROMLEY 2004

The year started on a positive note when on Sunday 4th January the five Anglican churches closed their churches to join the Methodists in a Service to affirm locally the Covenant between our two Churches. Later in January the United Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity held at St. Joseph's included a moving and most interesting presentation by Holy Trinity students who had spent some time on a work project in Madagascar.

Lent Meetings entitled Workplace, Economy and God's Mission were based on John Ellis' book 'Let Your Light Shine' (the Christian approach to the economy). The Good Friday March of Witness was attended by about 500 people.

At one meeting Rachel Archer gave a presentation of the work of JusB – the Community Youth Centre at St. Mary's. Although not officially part of CTCB the initiative is supported by members, and is proving to be well worth that support. Prayers and financial help are sought as the project continues and grows.

It was with great pleasure that two new members were admitted to CTCB - Bromley Baptist Church and Cornerstone Christian Centre.

The Town Centre Chaplaincy has gone from strength to strength. There are now Chaplains in Marks & Spencer (Alison Newman) and Alders (Maggie Smith from Bromley Methodist Church), as well as to the new Police Station, the Churchill Theatre, and of course The Glades. There has been slow recruitment of lay people into the Chaplaincy team and there is space for many more. Major Ian Payne's reports to the Meetings are always stimulating and his enthusiasm is infectious (though apparently not quite infectious enough or people would be queuing up to join the team – what about you, reader?). CTCB are looking ahead to the post-Ian era and already making plans so that the Chaplaincy will continue to play its vital role in our town.

Common Ground Services between St. Peter & St. Paul, Bromley Methodist and the URC Widmore Road continue to be held monthly.

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