

Churches Together in Central Bromley

The Churches Together in Central Bromley (CTCB) is made up of 18 churches in Central Bromley, including Bromley & Sheppards Colleges. There are 3 Council meetings every year and the AGM was held at St Andrew's Church Burnt Ash Lane on 7 June. The Ministers meet for lunch every 6 weeks at the Salvation Army which is attended by 9 or 10.

Andrew is the Chair of CTCB but is standing down from this role at the Good Friday March of witness due to his move to Mundeford. At the AGM a lay co-chair was appointed, Roger Ballatser from St Andrew's and a new treasurer Daniel Hoyt from St Mary's, College Road. Unfortunately Daniel now has a job in Brussels and has had to hand in his notice from the role of treasurer. We are again seeking a treasurer for CTCB. It is not an arduous role. We will also be seeking a ministerial chair of CTCB at the AGM

Agnita Oyawale has been a great blessing as Town Centre Chaplain representing the churches in many interactions and meetings with businesses and the Council and in her daily meetings with people at in the town. She did come and speak at BPC in May. Agnita is particularly concerned to build up a group of volunteer Chaplains.

Some of the churches in Bromley have launched a Christians Against Poverty Debt Counselling service with an excellent manager in Martin Pointing. CAP have been greatly for the funding BPC provided.

In January 2018, 13 churches joined in with the pulpit swap for the Christian Unity Sunday. Anne Townsend represented the college at St Mark's.. Due to a baptism occurring that Sunday we were not able to host a visiting speaker. In the evening we had a great joint church meeting at Bromley Town Church at which Andrew Juniad from Brook Lane Church spoke.

Revds Andrew McClellan and Karen Young organised and ran a Lent Course in 2017 on the Psalms called "songs in a major and minor key." The numbers at this steadily increased each week.

The March of Witness on Good Friday was also supported by churches from Bromley Common and again provided a noticeable increase in numbers. The 2017 gathering included the band from Brook Lane Church as well as the Salvation Army Band. Andrew opened the event in prayer.

CTCB continues to support the Night Shelter. The BPC representatives are Jonathan Hutton and Ed and Anne Tree.

There is a group of people who have been giving thought to how Remembrance Sunday 2018 might be celebrated. This is 100 years since the end of WWI and 11th November is on the Sunday that year. It is proposed that the remembrance will start in the market place and then proceed to the wreath laying at the memorial.