

MEDWAY CENTRE OF MISSION

November 2018

A Big Hello from Chatham

I'm sorry if it has been a while since I last wrote a Newsletter but there has been that much happening I just kept thinking I will wait until after this or that so I can let people know.

The first bit of exciting news was on the 29th and 30th of October we had a visit to Medway from the Archbishop of Canterbury.



The Archbishop joined us for a Prayer Walk on Chatham High Street, stopping at various points to pray. We were able to engage with a whole load of people including the homeless and one drunk, we also called into visit the regulars and staff at the Prince of Wales Pub.

Then he came back on the evening to join our Chaplaincy Team at the Tap N Tin nightclub.



It was a great encouragement to have the Archbishop visit the Diocese, and take an interest in the work of the Centre of Mission. He was able to see what was going on here in Chatham and across the Medway Towns

Then on the Tuesday 30th October a group of us were commissioned and anointed by the Archbishop during a service at Rochester Cathedral.

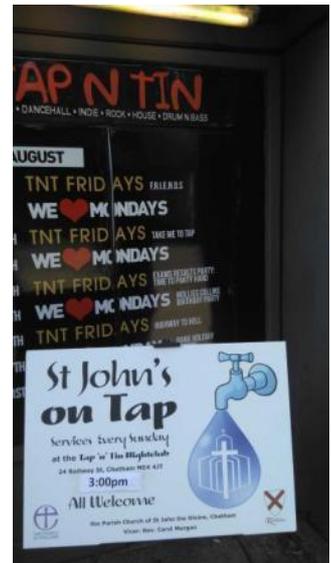
This was after the training we had been giving by the Gangmasters & Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) and the Clewer Initiative as part of the Diocesan Anti-Slavery Volunteers Initiative. We can now go out and speak at Churches and other Groups about being aware, and what to look out for concerning Modern Day Slavery.

But what else has been happening with the Medway Centre of Mission since I was last in touch?

Our Sunday Gatherings to Worship the King at the Tap N Tin are still going strong and growing in numbers. We now have a Special Gathering once a month where we invite the homeless and those in need, and we give out food parcels and clothing. We then have a more relaxed “Service” with hot drinks, cake and biscuits and share the Good News of Jesus and the Kingdom of God.

We have been doing a lot to build relationship and trust among the homeless, and people in need in Chatham and across the Medway Towns.

We also prayer walk on the High Street at Chatham every Saturday morning and once a month we have an extended “Prayer on the Square.” Here we offer prayer for anyone who wants a prayer, and we engage with the crowds on the High Street. This has been a great opportunity for sharing the Gospel with the people on the High Street and we are looking at how we can develop this outreach further.



The chaplaincy at the Tap N Tin on a Monday night is going well and we are looking to add to the chaplaincy team there. A plan for later is to have a team outside the Tap N Tin at closing time offering something similar to the Street Pastors.

We have also as part of our work across Medway helped to set up and run a Community Cafe at St. Francis’s Strood. This is now a part of the Places of Welcome Network the first in Rochester Diocese. As well as the Community Cafe being a great place for people to meet and community to grow; once a fortnight we have a Pop-Up Furniture Shop. This is meeting a need in the community and is proving to be popular with people, it is also a great way to meet with the community.



This has been a busy but amazing start to the Medway Centre of Mission. We are getting involved in the life of the community in so many ways. Praise the Lord!

There is more to say and I will send a newsletter around at Christmas with more detail and update. I was aware that I had not been in touch for a while and wanted to get back in touch with a brief round-up.

GET INVOLVED

We'd love you to support us in any of the following ways:

- Prayer
- Volunteering
- Financial support

Prayers

Prayer is such an important part of your support. We need God's help in every aspect of our work.



- We are looking to appoint a new Pioneer Evangelist to work alongside me here in Medway; please pray that we find the right person for this role
- Please keep me and my wife Lynn in your prayers as we continue to settle and make Medway our home.
- Pray for our chaplaincy work at the Tap N Tin, that our team can grow and we can do more and reach out more in and around the Tap N Tin.
- For the Church that meet in the Tap N Tin that we can continue to grow and bless the community.
- Please pray for the new church plant at St. John's Infant School and for the work with families and children. Also for the work we are looking to develop with the youth of Chatham, and Medway.
- For our outreach on the High Street, the Community Cafe, and the work we are doing with the homeless especially as winter is starting bite and the days and nights are getting colder.
- Please keep the whole Medway, and the Medway Centre of Mission in your prayers.

Volunteering

If you would like to come along and get involved then again please get in touch.

Financial Support

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A Massive **Thank You** for your continued support of our work here in Medway. I don't take your support for granted, so thank you so much for standing with us. I want to pray for you so please let me know how I can.

Thank you!

Stephen



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