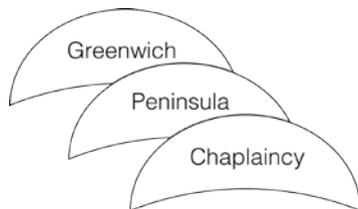


# The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy

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The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy provides workplace chaplains from a variety of faiths on the Greenwich Peninsula and beyond, and it is responsible for the multi faith Prayer Space near The O2.

**Ten years ago the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy was founded** to meet the religious and other needs of residents, workers and visitors of the Greenwich Peninsula and the surrounding area by running a team of workplace chaplains. We're still doing that; and for two and a half years we've been managing the Prayer Space on the Peninsula.



Above, some of our O2 chaplains in 2007. Below, some of our Olympic and Paralympic Prayer Space welcomers and some of our newest chaplains.



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## **The Games on the Peninsula:**

The Olympic and Paralympic Games last year were an amazing experience for everyone in Greenwich, and particularly for the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy. Several of our chaplains were Olympic and Paralympic chap-

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lains; Jeremy Fraser co-ordinated Olympic and Paralympic chaplains across London's Games sites; and Malcolm Torry was chaplain to police officers from around the country who came to help the Metropolitan Police to police the Games.

The Prayer Space is usually open for three hours a day, but during both the Olympic and Paralympic Games we decided to open the Prayer Space every day before the first event in the North Greenwich Arena (The O2) and not to close it until the last audience had gone in. This usually meant three shifts of volunteer Welcomers to welcome visitors to the Prayer Space. We are most grateful to the temporary volunteer Welcomers we were able to recruit and train so that we could staff the Prayer Space with teams of two welcomers for the whole of the period of the Games.

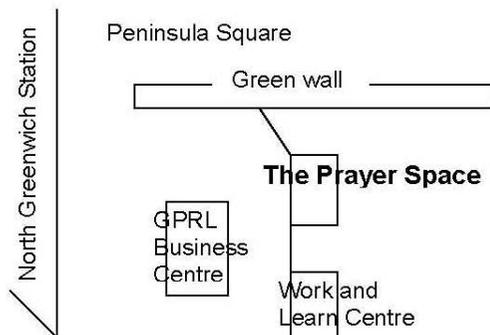
The Prayer Space has never been so busy. People of all faiths came in to pray, and people also came in to enjoy a little peace and quiet away from the crowds coming from or going to the Arena. During the Olympic Games it was Ramadan, and many Muslims in particular were pleased to be able to use the Prayer Space for prayer. Normally Christian prayers are said every day at 12 noon, but during the Games Christians gathered for evening prayers at 6 p.m..

It was all rather exhausting, but it was a profound experience for all of our Welcomers, and, according to the comments we received, for our visitors too.

## Prayer Space opening times

Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.



## Weekly events

### Sunday

11 a.m. to 12 noon: Sunday morning service

(Christian: held by Holy Trinity, Greenwich Peninsula: Church of England)

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Sunday afternoon service

(Christian: held by the Kingdom Family Church)

### Monday to Saturday

12 noon to 12.30 p.m.: Midday Prayer

(Christian: held by Christians working together on the Greenwich Peninsula)

### Thursday

11 a.m. to 12 noon: 'Sacred' (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)

(Christian: held by Greenwich United Church: United Reformed Church and Methodist)

### Friday

1.15 p.m.: Juma (Friday) Prayers

(Muslim: held by the Greenwich Islamic Centre)

## **The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy's**

### **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

will be celebrated on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6 p.m. at the Prayer Space. The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich, Cllr Angela Cornforth, will be coming.

If you would like an invitation then please let us know by contacting the Co-ordinating Chaplain.

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### **What chaplains do**

Our multi faith team of workplace chaplains visit the different venues in The O2, construction sites on the Peninsula and in East Greenwich, ASDA and other retail outlets, Ravensbourne College, and Greenwich's police stations.

Chaplains usually visit weekly, to join in conversations about whatever people want to talk about, but above all to listen (and anything which someone says to a chaplain will only be shared with someone else with their permission).

The chaplain's role is not to persuade anyone of the truth of any particular religion, but if anyone wants to talk about religion then the chaplain will of course be very happy to do so. If someone asks to speak to someone of a particular faith then the chaplains will gladly arrange that.

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### **The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Steering Group**

The chaplaincy is managed by the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Steering Group which is a registered charity, no. 1107892.

## **New tasks for the future**

Now that building the residential and other developments on the Peninsula has started again, we are looking forward to new construction sites for our chaplains to visit; and we are now pursuing requests for chaplains in other parts of the borough.

We are often asked whether we could extend the Prayer Space's opening hours; and in the Section 106 (planning) agreement there is a permanent building for the faith communities to use to replace the current temporary one.

We have recently said goodbye to two of our hardest working chaplains (Derek Clacey, who has retired to Plymouth, and Jeremy Fraser, who is now serving a parish in Stratford).

### **All of this means that we are looking for some more chaplains and welcomers.**

If you believe that you have the right skills to be a workplace chaplain or a Prayer Space welcomer, and you are a member of a faith community in Greenwich, or if you know somebody suitable, then please request a recruitment pack.

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