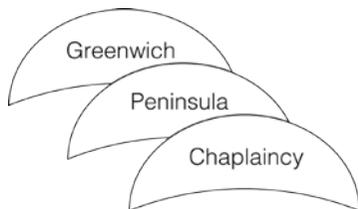


# The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy

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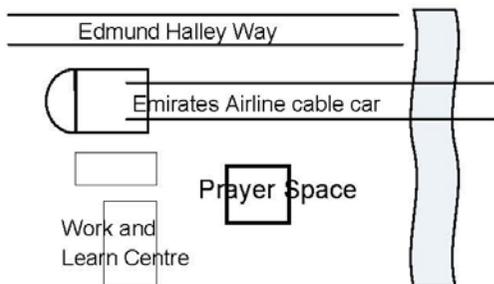
The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy provides workplace chaplains from a variety of faiths on the Greenwich Peninsula and beyond, and it is responsible for the multi faith Prayer Space near to the cable car station.

## The Prayer Space

is open every day  
from Monday to Saturday  
from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.



If you go to the river side of the cable car station then you will see the Prayer Space:



## Workplace chaplains

Our multi faith team of workplace chaplains visits 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 visit regularly, to join in conversations about whatever people want to talk about, but above all to listen (and anything which a chaplain hears will only be shared with someone else with your 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.

## Prayer Space welcomers

Whenever the Prayer Space is open there will be a volunteer welcomer present: to welcome groups and individuals who come to use the Prayer Space, to answer questions, and to be a listening ear if that's what somebody needs.

## Weekly events at the Prayer Space

### 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)

### Friday

1.15 p.m.: Juma (Friday) Prayers

(Muslim: held by the Greenwich Islamic Centre)

### New tasks for the future

We would like to be able to open the Prayer Space for longer, but to do that we need some more volunteer welcomers. We would like to be able to place chaplains in more workplaces: but to do that we'll need some more chaplains.

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 else who might be suitable, then please request a recruitment pack.

## Malcolm Torry's departure

Since the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy was founded in 2003 the co-ordinating chaplain has been the Rev'd Malcolm Torry.



Later this year Malcolm will be leaving the Peninsula to work at the London School of Economics and the Citizen's Income Trust

There will be a farewell event on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 6 p.m. at the Prayer Space**. Everyone is welcome. If you intend to come then it would be helpful to know. Please respond to [info@greenwich-peninsula-chaplaincy.org.uk](mailto:info@greenwich-peninsula-chaplaincy.org.uk)

### An appreciation

Malcolm Torry is an honest, hard working, and trusted friend. He is a literary scholar, of which we are all proud. I have tested him on numerous occasions and found him on the top of the list. Behind all of the successful organisation of the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy, trustees play a vital role, but a large percentage of credit must go to Malcolm. He has organised the recruitment of chaplains, organized meetings, taken minutes, and promptly circulated papers to the members without any delay. He was always in the front row to take a positive step forward, whether it was managing the Prayer Space, organising agreements, or raising funds for the organisation. Any changes needed in the prayer space he always consulted with all faith

community members. Malcolm never forgot to send greetings to me whether it was Christmas or Eid celebration. He was the first person who sent a letter of support shortly after Drummer Lee Rigby's murder in Woolwich. There are numerous examples I can quote that he was very thoughtful. I am going to miss him and the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy is losing a talented hard working genius. I wish him all success God Bless him.

Saeed Ahmad, Vice Chair or trustees

### **The Rev'd Dr Malcolm Torry - A hard act to follow!**

In July 2014 The Rev'd Dr Malcolm Torry gives up his role as the voluntary Co-ordinating Chaplain of the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy. After a three month sabbatical he retires from the full-time parochial ministry of the Church of England in October which he has served for over thirty years.

Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy, which Malcolm founded in 2003, has developed since then into a unique multifaith project which seeks to provide for the religious and other needs of all those associated with the Greenwich Peninsula, workers, visitors and residents. From Malcolm's original vision there has developed a diverse array of provision which includes volunteer workplace chaplains to The O2, to construction sites, to the local ASDA store, to Police Stations in Greenwich, and to Ravensbourne College. In addition a multi faith Prayer Space is open every weekday, staffed by volunteer welcomers, providing a quiet space for prayer and reflection for people of

any faith, and also a space where various faith groups can hold services. Malcolm has worked tirelessly over the last eleven years to develop the work of the chaplaincy and has been responsible for its management, assisted by a group of trustees representing various faith communities. The success of the chaplaincy is largely due to Malcolm's commitment and hard work which have been driven by his passionate commitment to social justice and his ability to bring together the various stakeholders on the Peninsula, including Greenwich Council, the various developers, residents, and faith groups.

During this time Malcolm has also found time to write a number of books which have included a history of workplace chaplaincy and 'Money for everyone - why we need a citizen's income', a book which reflects his expertise in the relationship between faith and economics. In the last couple of years he has also been a Visiting Research Fellow at the London School of Economics. In addition to this Malcolm's main 'bread and butter' job was until September 2013 Team Rector of the East Greenwich Team Ministry of the Church of England and he and others have planted Holy Trinity Church, which meets on a Sunday in the Prayer Space on Greenwich Peninsula.

Malcolm is going to be a hard act to follow and the Trustees of the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy will be discussing the way forward during the next couple of months.

Mike Leader, Chair of trustees

# Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Chaplains and Welcomers



Davinder  
Kaur  
Babraa



Balbir  
Singh  
Bakhshi



Sheikh Ali  
Barakat



Sr Frances  
Browne



Brenda  
Brundritt



Mary  
Carter



Jenny  
Cooper



Linda  
Craven



Stephen  
Craven



Sarah  
Davis



The Rev'd  
Cynthia  
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The Rev'd  
Jean  
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