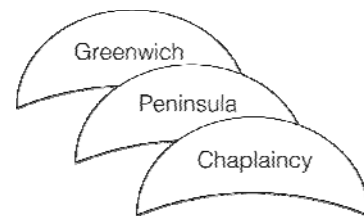


The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy

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The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy provides workplace chaplains from a variety of faiths on the Greenwich Peninsula and beyond; and from this month the chaplaincy is responsible for a multi faith Prayer Space near to The O2.

The Prayer Space

On Friday 23rd July three lorries arrived on the Peninsula, each carrying part of the Prayer Space. During the following few weeks the interior of the building was finished.



The building contains the Prayer Space, an office, an ablutions room (for foot-washing) and a disabled toilet.



The Prayer Space is available for individuals to use for prayer and reflection; for faith communities to use for their own worship, prayer and other events; as a base for the chaplains; for dialogue between people of different faiths; and for community events and community development.

A team of welcomers



We have recruited a team of ten welcomers to work with the chaplains to welcome individuals and groups to the Prayer Space. All of their photographs are on the back page of this newsletter. The two photographs here are of the training sessions which welcomers and chaplains attended to prepare them for their work in the Prayer Space.



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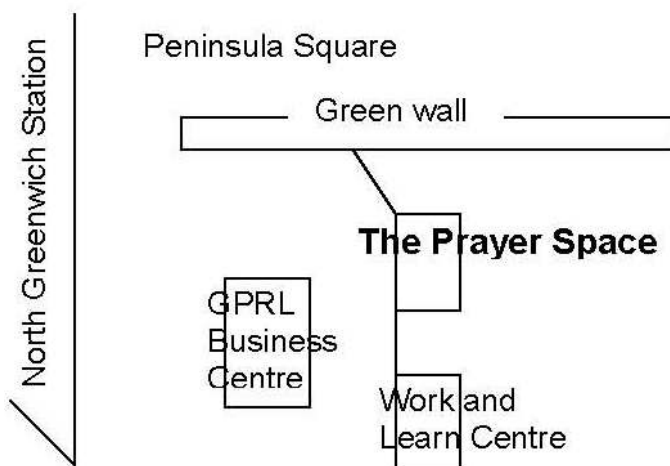
The Prayer Space is south of the green wall running along the south side of Peninsula Square. It's easily visible as you emerge from North Greenwich Station.

By tube: The Jubilee Line to North Greenwich

By bus: Numerous buses to North Greenwich Station

By river: Thames Clipper to The O2 pier

By car? There is a small amount of parking for disabled people at the station. Otherwise there is a public car park at the station available to non season ticket holders from 11 a.m.. Please come by public transport if you can.



Opening times

We shall be opening the Prayer Space for as many hours as our volunteer welcomers and chaplains can be there to assist individuals and groups who would like to use it.

Initially the hours will be:

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

Saturdays Various times

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

Each week's opening times will be posted by the Prayer Space door and will also appear on the chaplaincy's website at www.greenwich-peninsula-chaplaincy.org.uk

Weekly events

Sunday

11 a.m. to 12 noon

Sunday morning service

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

Monday to Friday

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'

(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)

For other events, see the Prayer Space page on www.greenwich-peninsula-chaplaincy.org.uk

Who does what?

The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy was established in 2003 to serve the spiritual and other needs of people who live in, work in and visit the Greenwich Peninsula.

Since 2005 it has organized a team of workplace chaplains, and now it has opened the Prayer Space for individuals to use for prayer and reflection, as a base for the chaplains, as a place for dialogue between people of different faiths, and for community development.

People of different faiths involved in the chaplaincy do together everything which everyone can in good conscience do together: so we work together as chaplains and we manage the Prayer Space together.

Greenwich's faith communities

Faith communities in Greenwich serving the new community on the Peninsula have been invited to hold their own events in the Prayer Space.

Each faith community has signed an agreement with the trustees of the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy and each one is contributing towards the costs of managing the building.

So far the Parish of East Greenwich (Christian: Church of England), Greenwich United Church (Christian: United Reformed Church and Methodist), Greenwich Islamic Centre (Muslim), and the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, have signed agreements with the chaplaincy's trustees.

The Chaplaincy very much looks forward to working with these faith communities.

There is a wealth of material available on our website:

www.greenwich-peninsula-chaplaincy.org.uk

- newsletters, conference reports, papers on casinos and on 'What makes a good community?' etc..

The Prayer Space:

Official opening

We are planning an official opening for Tuesday 26th October, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Barbara Barwick, has kindly agreed to open the Prayer Space.

Everybody will be welcome to attend. To receive further details and an invitation, please contact The Rev'd Malcolm Torry at the address below.

The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Steering Group is grateful to:

The volunteer chaplains and welcomers, for the many hours of hard work which they put in on behalf of the Chaplaincy;

our Council of Reference: a group of religious leaders with whom the steering group consults;

Greenwich Peninsula Regeneration Ltd., Anschutz Entertainment Group, the managements of the venues which chaplains visit, Greenwich Borough Council, Greenwich Local Labour and Business, and the borough's Ecumenical Borough Deans.

The chaplaincy is grateful for financial support from the Faiths in Action programme administered by the Community Development Foundation for the Department for Communities and Local Government. We are also grateful for funding from the Church of England's Diocese of Southwark's Woolwich Episcopal Area small grants fund, Dame Susan Morden's Charitable Trust, and local faith communities.

The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Steering Group

The chaplaincy is managed by the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Steering Group which is a registered charity, no. 1107892. The trustees are: Mr. Saeed Ahmad, Mr. Peyman Beheshti, the Rev'd Elaine Cranmer, Mr. Colin Eastaugh (treasurer), Rabbi Tony Hammond, the Rev'd Harry Lanham, the Rev'd Mike Leader (Chair), The Rev'd Christopher Moody, Cllr Jagir Sekhon, and the Rev'd Jim Teeling.

Quoting from this newsletter: We are happy for people to quote from this newsletter provided that the quotation is accompanied by a note to say that the material was first published in the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy's newsletter.

A new book: 'Bridgebuilders', by Malcolm Torry, published by the Canterbury Press. Chapter 9 tells the story of the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy.

Financial contributions: The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy is funded by donations from individuals, charitable trusts, and Greenwich's faith communities. If you might be able to help to finance the Chaplaincy then we would be very pleased to hear from you.

The team of chaplains

In 2005 we started with three chaplains visiting the O2 construction site. There are now thirteen, visiting venues in The O2 (including the night clubs), retail stores, and construction sites.

Last year the Metropolitan Police in Greenwich asked us to provide a team of chaplains, and there is now a team of four visiting Plumstead Police Station.

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 chaplains' 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.

We're recruiting some more volunteer chaplains

Police chaplains: We have been asked to provide chaplains for all of the police stations in the borough.

Ravensbourne College will be opening on the Peninsula in October following its move from Chislehurst. We have been asked to provide a team of chaplains.

And more: We need chaplains to nightclub staff, chaplains for construction sites which will be opening soon, and chaplains for other institutions on the Peninsula and around the borough.

We are looking for Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, Baha'is, Jews, Buddhists and Christians with the necessary pastoral skills. If you might be interested, or you want to suggest someone who might be, then please get in touch.

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