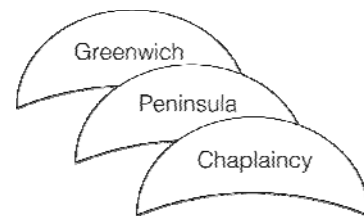


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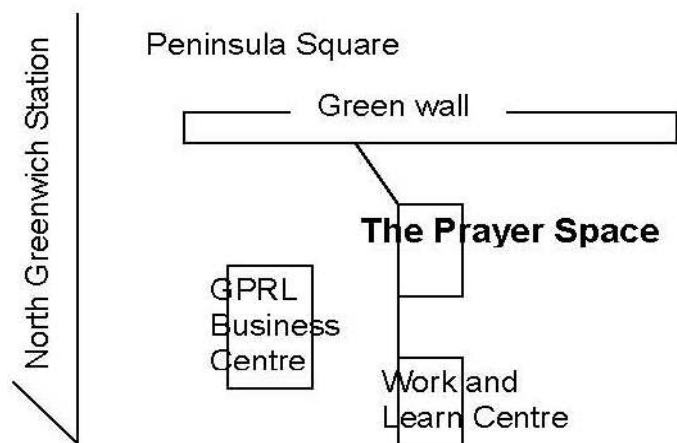
The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy provides workplace chaplains from a variety of faiths on the Greenwich Peninsula and beyond, and it is responsible for a multi faith Prayer Space near to The O2.

The Prayer Space: official opening

On Tuesday 26th October the Prayer Space was officially opened by the Mayor of Greenwich, Cllr Barbara Barwick. She told guests: 'A new community is growing up on the Peninsula, and, like many new communities in this country, we have people who have come from a diverse range of backgrounds, bringing with them a range of cultures and faiths. It's so good that they are able to work together.'



The Prayer Space is beside the green wall alongside Peninsula Square, and it 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.



More chaplains and welcomers



We have recruited some more welcomers to welcome individuals and groups to the Prayer Space, and also some more chaplains for workplaces in The O2, the Ravensbourne College team, and chaplaincy for police stations in the borough. This photograph was taken at their initial training course. All of our chaplains' and welcomers' names and photographs can be found on the back page.

Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Open Day

Tuesday 12th July

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Prayer Space.

Tours of the Prayer Space, an exhibition, and an opportunity to ask the question: Is religion good for you? Chaplains, welcomers, and trustees will be present during the day to discuss this and other questions: so whatever you want to talk about, or if you simply want to drop in to see what the chaplaincy and the Prayer Space have to offer, then you would be most welcome.

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Where it is

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.

Prayer Space opening times

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

Saturdays Various times

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

We hope to be able to extend these opening hours. If you would like to volunteer as a welcomer then please contact the Co-ordinating Chaplain

Weekly events

Sunday

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

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

Sunday

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

(Christian: held by the Kingdom Family Church)

Monday to Friday

12 noon to 12.30 p.m.: Midday Prayer

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

Wednesday

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Bible Study

(Christian: held by the Kingdom Family Church)

Thursday

11 a.m. to 12 noon: 'Sacred' (1st and 3rd 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)

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

A new Co-ordinating Chaplain

For the next eighteen months the Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy's Co-ordinating Chaplain will be the Rev'd Jeremy Fraser. (The Rev'd Malcolm Torry will remain a police chaplain and a chaplain at ASDA, and will also retain his post in the Parish of East Greenwich, but he is relinquishing the chaplaincy co-ordinating role because he's been appointed a research fellow at the London School of Economics and at Heythrop College London in order to write a book on 'Managing Religion'). The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy Steering Group is most grateful to Jeremy for agreeing to take on the task of co-ordinating the chaplaincy's activities.

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. (A paper on the ways in which people of different faiths work together in the chaplaincy is available on request.)

Greenwich's faith communities

Faith communities in Greenwich serving the new community on the Peninsula 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.

Organisations currently participating in this way are the Parish of East Greenwich (Christian: Church of England), Greenwich United Church (Christian: United Reformed Church and Methodist), Greenwich Islamic Centre (Muslim), the Kingdom Family Church (Christian), and the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is.

The Chaplaincy is very pleased to be working with these faith communities.

The Greenwich Peninsula Chaplaincy 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 particularly grateful to Greenwich Community College, which has recently provided training in First Aid, Safeguarding, and Health and Safety for our chaplains and welcomers, and is currently running our second ten week course for chaplains and welcomers.

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, local faith communities, and Tina Janken Tage for running the London Marathon for the Prayer Space

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.

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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.

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..
- biographies of our chaplains and welcomers

The team of chaplains

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

A new venture is a team of five chaplains in Ravensbourne College, now visiting regularly to serve students and staff.

For over a year now we have provided chaplains for Plumstead Police Station. We shall soon be extending chaplaincy services to other police stations in the borough.

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.

We're recruiting some more volunteer chaplains and welcomers

We shall soon be needing chaplains to nightclub staff, and chaplains for other institutions on the Peninsula and around the borough.

We are also seeking additional Prayer Space welcomers so that we can extend its opening hours.

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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