

WELCOME!

Bulletin

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BEXLEY BOROUGH

JANUARY 2024

WELCOME TO BEXLEY'S CHURCHES' NETWORK.



**BEXLEY WINTER SHELTER**

There is an update below, and reminders on how to signpost any homeless person you find.

**PRAYING FOR BEXLEY'S YOUNG PEOPLE**

**Sat 3rd - Sun 4th Feb, 9am - 9am**

The last info on TAKE IT BACK, the 24-1 prayer event on 3-4 February is below, so you can book in to lead worship or prayer, come yourself or bring others to pray.

**EVERGREEN CARE UK** - Supporting Older People in Bexley and Dartford - **CONCERT** Friday 26th Jan 7.30pm

has reached its 10th anniversary and is celebrating with a concert. Do let your Church know. Evergreen was started by the Churches. Are you connected in?

**JOB VACANCY**

for a part-time Assistant Pastor is included this month, closing date 4th Feb 2024

**PRAY FOR JUSTICE**

**Thurs 29th Feb 7.30pm** at St Peter's, Hextable. Pray for International Justice Mission, especially as they tackle forced scamming.

**CRiBS** - Christian Resource in Bexley Schools (Our Bexley Churches invest in Schools)

Update on the Christmas Play, RE teaching and intervention work, CAP money workshops and Secondary school mentoring.

**STREET PREACHING** - training from Streetwise available

**\*\*\*FORWARD TBB DATES\*\*\***

Two more 24 hour **Take It Back** worship and prayer dates in different locations tbc

[\(Would you like to offer?\)](#)

**Sat 18th - Sun 19th May**

**Sat 9th - Sun 10th Nov**

Leaders are invited to those at 09:00-12:00 on Sat 18th May and Sat 9th Nov.

**Leaders Gathering on Sat 27th April.**

We look forward to meeting with you in 2024 and praying and worshipping together across the Borough.

The TBB Team

# TAKE IT BACK

24 Hours of  
Worship & Prayer

03 - 04 Feb | 9am - 9am

**Bexley Christian Life Centre (BCLC)**  
17 Upland Road, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4NR



Warfaring for this  
generation

For more info or to register your interest  
please email

[24hrprayer.worship@gmail.com](mailto:24hrprayer.worship@gmail.com)

COME PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Sat 3rd Feb 09:00 - Sun 4th Feb 09:00 (Time slightly changed)  
Bexley Christian Life Centre, 17 Upland Road Bexleyheath DA7 4NR

If you have a heart for young people - join us to pray and worship with and for them

There are still some vacancies for leading worship. If you can lead worship or offer your premises, please tell Molly at [24hrprayer.worship@gmail.com](mailto:24hrprayer.worship@gmail.com)

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1s\\_TQNypF3GpkAmlIGJrblyGyKl84zCZbrOwJm2wLY/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1s_TQNypF3GpkAmlIGJrblyGyKl84zCZbrOwJm2wLY/edit?usp=drivesdk)

## Vacancy for

## Assistant Pastor

Part time (22.5 hours a week)

(FTE: £26,000 to £28,000 dependant on experience)

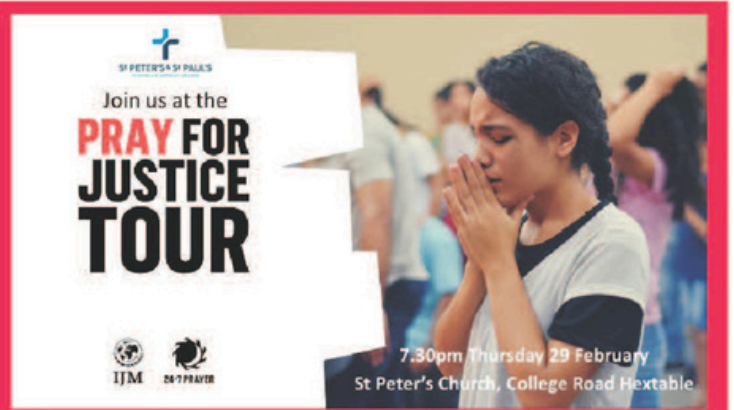
We are looking for someone with experience of church leadership or relevant experience to work alongside the Lead Pastor in all aspects of church life. This role also includes responsibility for our children & families work. The ideal candidate will have:

- A pastoral heart and excellent inter-personal skills which will be seen in the ability to connect with a wide range of people across the whole church.
- Has the ability to confidently reach out to the local community.
- Has a strong prayer life as part of a personal walk with Jesus.
- Be willing to work as part of a team as well as being able to work on own initiative.

We can only accept applications from those with the eligibility to work in the UK.

Please note that no CV's or resumes will be accepted.

Deadline for applications: Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Join us at the  
**PRAY FOR JUSTICE TOUR**



7.30pm Thursday 29 February

St Peter's Church, College Road Hextable

Are you passionate about prayer and justice? St Peter's Church Hextable would love to invite you to join them as they host International Justice Mission's Pray for Justice UK Tour 2024!

On Thursday Feb 29th at 7.30pm we will gather at St Peter's Church, College Road Hextable, along with other churches across this part of Kent to worship, to hear stories of real-life outworking of prayer in some of the world's darkest situations, praise God for miraculous breakthrough and raise our voices as one in prayer to God as we long to see an end to slavery and violence around the world, with a specific focus on the rapidly growing issue of forced scamming.

IJM is partnering with 24-7 Prayer, joining their passions to equip the local church in prayer through this tour.

We would love to have you there. You can also help us by sharing this opportunity with your church or wider networks, both in person/email and on social media - if that's something you'd be up for then please feel free to use this promo slide to help spread the word. If you would like more information, please contact Steve Webster at [websterstevie@googlemail.com](mailto:websterstevie@googlemail.com).

Steve Webster

Rev Johnny Douglas

IJM Champion

Vicar St Peter's, Hextable



**Evergreen Care UK**  
BRINGING PEACE OF MIND



FEATURING  
CAROL-ANNE WELLS AND FRIENDS

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF  
SUPPORTING OLDER PEOPLE IN OUR  
COMMUNITY

FREE ENTRY BUT PLEASE CONSIDER  
DONATING TO OUR NEXT 10 YEARS

FRIDAY 26 TH JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM  
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, DANSON LANE WELLING

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK!



We thank God for all He has done in the last 30 years, and all He will continue to do through CRiBS.



"We were thrilled to perform a brand new, specially written Christmas play, using shadow puppets (among other things) in 34 primary schools in December, and at the Churches Together in Bexleyheath Carol Service. We had some lovely feedback from schools and are praying that seed sown will bear fruit in time.

"This term, as well as our regular RE teaching and intervention work, we will be delivering the CAP money (<https://capuk.org/>) workshop in a number of schools.

"There is a lot of interest in our secondary mentoring work at the moment - we are hoping to arrange some training for new volunteer mentors this year - please do get in touch if you might be interested."

Mark Lovison, CEO CRiBS

If you want your Church to contribute to what Churches do in Schools in Bexley, contact CRiBS (Christian Resources in Bexley Schools at [info@cribsonline.org](mailto:info@cribsonline.org) / 01322 520820, [cribsonline.org](http://cribsonline.org)).



## Wed 3rd Jan - Sun 7th April 2024 B&B with Evening Meal

### UPDATE

1. Guests are accessing the shelter, and finding long term support and accommodation is under way.

2. BWS (Bexley Winter Shelter) is still looking for a permanent location for operations and would welcome any leads. Please contact them [<here>](#).

3. To enquire about joining the team (offers are still being accepted) contact [volunteer@bexleywintershelter.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@bexleywintershelter.org.uk).

4. If you are concerned about a rough sleeper, please either:  
(i) Contact Street Link - <https://thestreetlink.org.uk/>.  
(Unfortunately, due to a change of the organisation running this service, there is no longer a phone contact number or mobile App and all communication is now via their website. By contacting Street Link you are 'registering' the rough sleeper on the 'system', known as CHAIN - Combined Homelessness and Information Network, and they will filter down to Bexley Council and also Bexley Winter Shelter.)  
(ii) Contact BWS direct at [guest@bexleywintershelter.org.uk](mailto:guest@bexleywintershelter.org.uk), or phone 07305 102730 until the shelter closes in April.

5. Thank you for the support of Bexley Churches. Please contact us

- (i) To support financially
- (ii) To offer help in other ways
- (iii) If you have an administrative ministry/calling and are prepared to offer some time to us (there may even be some financial reward!).

6. For all other enquiries, visit the new website [bexleywintershelter.org.uk](http://bexleywintershelter.org.uk).

Charlie January, Chair of BWS Trustees



## URGENT REQUEST - SWEP (Severe Weather Emergency Protocol)

Can you be on a pool of volunteers ready to assist at a local hall in Bexley for the SWEP, if it is repeated this year, to house homeless people on extremely cold nights?

**These roles are best suited for people who have worked in the Emergency Services or worked/volunteered with individuals who are Homeless.**

There are 2 main roles needed to be filled:

### 1. **Setting up**

8.00pm-10pm – Setting up the venue, making beds, getting refreshments ready, ensuring the space is warm and providing hot drinks for the homeless when they arrive.

### 2. **Overnight Watcher**

10pm-Morning – Staying awake all night to take any incoming calls, receiving new homeless people, providing hot drinks for any new arrivals, keeping other volunteers company and making breakfast for residents in the morning.

The project is co-ordinated by BWS. If enough volunteers aren't available, overnight opening is not possible. Please do share with anyone with whom you feel this would be relevant, and contact BWS via

If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved, please contact BWS via their [<website>](#).



[Be a guardian angel for someone sleeping rough this Christmas.](#)

[You can do your bit by making an alert through the StreetLink website following these 3 simple steps:](#)

1. [Locate](#) - send a pin of where you've seen someone sleeping rough
2. [Describe](#) - give as many details as possible to help the outreach team identify them eg clothing, hair, bags, belongings
3. [Submit](#) - your alert will immediately be sent to outreach teams that work in the local areas

Helping somebody is as easy as 1-2-3

Submit your alert to [www.thestreetlink.org.uk](http://www.thestreetlink.org.uk)

# PREACHING & SHARING THE GOSPEL STREETWISE

*A practical learning experience to help equip you in sharing your faith.*

- FEB: Saturday 24th
- MARCH: Saturday 23rd
- APRIL: Saturday 27th
- MAY: Saturday 25th

## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Creative visual aids
- Working as a team
- Preaching whilst people are listening
- Responding to challenging questions
- Using the Sketchboard
- True or False poster

**Time:** 10 AM – 3 PM

**Where:** The Angel Church, Chadwell St,  
Angel, Islington, London, EC1R 1XD

**Sign up & contact Marios**  
**mariosk12@yahoo.co.uk 07850838341**



Have you someone wise in your Church who is also experienced using Facebook?  
We need someone new to take over hosting and administering the TBB FB page.

Please contact [transformbexley@gmail.com](mailto:transformbexley@gmail.com) urgently if this is you or someone in your Church.  
Many thanks



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Give to TBB

TBB is a voluntary organisation reliant on the support of people and churches. Give one-off or regularly to

Account: TRANSFORM BEXLEY BOROUGH  
Sort Code: 30-90-76  
Account Number: 02885314  
Ref: 'General Expenses' or 'Clocktower Project'

Cheques may be sent to: TBB, c/o St John's Vicarage, 57 Danson Lane, Welling, DA16 2BQ  
To enquire further, email [transformbexley@gmail.com](mailto:transformbexley@gmail.com)



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