



PINNER ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

Christians in Pinner Working Together



Change of date for PAC AGM

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd.....

The Annual General Meeting of the PAC has been changed from Sunday November 16th to Sunday November 23rd. The venue has also been changed to **Cannon Lane Methodist Church** and not the Methodist Church in Love Lane. The format will be as in previous years.

5.00pm AGM with presentation of the Accounts, report from outgoing Chairman, Hugh Dinan, and installation of new Chair for 2015, Judy Rackham. Dates for 2015 will also be circulated at this meeting.

5.30pm TEA

6.30pm Worshipping Together Service

CAROL SINGING AT MILMANS DAY CENTRE

Monday 15th December 10.45am for 11.00am

The PAC Coffee Shop has been pleased to welcome a group from Milman's Day Centre coming along regularly on Friday mornings this year. They have asked if the PAC could do a Carol Concert at Milmans this Christmas. If you would be able to come along and sing, please contact Joyce Eavis 8866 9871. Milmans is in Grove Avenue.

Three Faith Dialogue— PILGRIMAGE

Sunday November 16th

At St. Luke's Parish Centre,
Love Lane
3pm—5pm

Father Robert will be talking about St. Luke's Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostelo

PAC Coffee Shop Needs Help!

The PAC Coffee Shop needs one or two more people to join the team. The Coffee Shop is open every Friday morning from 10.15am to 12 noon at St. Luke's Parish Centre, but it is not necessary to come every week. Please contact Angela 8863 1687 or Joyce 8866 9871 if you can help.

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CAROLS BY TORCHLIGHT

**Monday 22nd December
6.30pm** around the Christmas Tree in the High Street, near the War Memorial.

Please Note— if weather is bad the event will go ahead in the hall of Pinner Free Church in Paines Lane.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in Pinner Free Church Hall after the singing.

Carol words are provided but please bring a torch.

Thank you

For the support for the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. £443.00 raised and 91 people signed in!

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FIRM FOUNDATION

At the September PAC Executive meeting, Julian Saunders (full-time Manager since April 2013) came to tell us about the work being done by the churches for the homeless in Harrow.

PAC had, for many years, supported THATCH (The Homeless and the Churches in Harrow). When THATCH closed down, the work and funds was transferred to Firm Foundation which had been formed initially by a group of 3 churches (King's Church, Harrow, St. Paul's, South Harrow and St. Peter's, West Harrow). They are currently involved in.....

- 3-month **emergency winter night shelter** from 1st January to 31st March in the Welldon Centre in Harrow. In 2014 they had 49 referrals over the period they were open. The night shelter is for single men. For 2015 all beds are allocated and there is a waiting list.
- Single homeless 'drop-in' every Wednesday 2 – 4pm in the Victoria Hall in Harrow, where advice and help is given to those in need. Harrow Council rent the premises for this and Firm Foundation runs it.
- Chair of Single Homeless Forum in Harrow. Firm Foundation (Julian) now Chair this meeting with reps. from the housing team of Harrow Council, the Police, Street Pastors and other groups.
- Firm Foundation Flat – in order to meet longer term needs a benefactor has bought a 3-bedroom flat for Firm Foundation to house 3 people for a maximum of 24 months. During this time Julian and others work with them on life skills, money management and other support. Of the first 3 people in the flat, 2 are now ready to move on.
- Rough Sleepers – together with other agencies in Harrow, Julian is working with rough sleepers, of which there were 48 recorded in Harrow in 2013/14, although the actual figure is thought to be more. They are mainly men in the 24 – 55 age group, although 10% of the single homeless are women. They are able to put people into B and B accommodation when necessary.

They work closely with the various official agencies in Harrow working with the homeless, especially the Harrow Council Housing Team, and strict procedures are in place for vetting homeless clients to make sure they are really homeless and belong to this borough.

Financial support, and over 70 volunteers, come from many churches in Harrow, and various charitable trusts. The PAC is considering giving a sizable donation (£4000.00) to this charity, as there is a surplus in PAC funds at the moment. The PAC Treasurer has been sent the full accounts and budget of Firm Foundation and is happy that everything is being done in a professional manner. This will be voted on at the AGM in November.

For more information go to www.firmfoundation.org.uk



Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Job Clubs

A meeting has been held recently with reps. from the PAC and Revd Lynn Clack, to look into the possibility of a CAP Job Club being set up in this area. Lynn is also meeting with the churches in Hatch End.

Lynn gave us information about a successful Job Club that has been running for several months at St. Paul's, South Harrow. The scheme is a series of courses and individual support for the long-term unemployed, to help them return to employment. It was felt that between the churches the practical details could be managed (venue for the course, access to computer, dedicated phone etc) and that there could be several people wishing to volunteer for various aspects of this initiative.

But in order for it to get off the ground there has to be a '**Job Club Manager**' – somebody who feels they have a passion for this to work. Financial support is available, from government funding and trust funds.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about Job Clubs should contact Hugh Dinan who can send a full set of details as to what is involved, also visit 2 web sites for more information.

www.capuk.org and www.stpaulsharrow.org.uk

PAC CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

This is all set to go ahead again this year. If you know anyone who would like to come along please visit the web site www.christmaslunch.org.uk for contact details

www.pinnerchurches.org.uk

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