



Chaplaincy Drop in 02-06-2020 2pm

Attendees:

Archbishop John Wilson	Claire Williams (Minutes)	Susan Elderfield
Patrick Harrison	Fatima D'Mello	Marie Norbury
Kate's Iphone	Saju John	Alex Gale
Deacon Michael	Paul's Ipad	Ashley Beck
Alana	Ruth Pandole	Alie Sheehan
James Potter	Susanne Gibbons	Anne D'Silva
Kathleen O'Sullivan	Rachel Hylton	Dympna
Angie Carroll	Javier	Aleks
J'anna	Matthew Turner	Lauren Bassett
Fred	Martin Smyth	Jane Ireland
Catherine Vedamuttu	Maria Bryne	Patricia Horsman
Deacon Errol	Kamara Latama Atkinson	Kristin McDonald
Hyacinth Appah	Jonathan Ronan	Ipad
Wendy McClum	Lucy	Xanthe Hagan
Garrett Cullen		

Archbishop John Wilson welcomed everyone and led prayer.

SE asked for good news stories to be shared.

Jl 4 members of sixth form are part of the Southwark Alliance fund.

XH they are doing a word and prayer for staff and students.

Paul would like to celebrate Pat Horsman at Coloma on the newsletter she is producing each week.

MS based at St John's Gravesend. The catholic church is streaming mass every day. Every Thursday the school participate with mini prayers. The numbers have increased as time has gone on.

PH thanks Paul for his comment the school doesn't have a chaplain but Pat is the Head of RE.

Elaine has speaking to ex pupils who are now in professional medical careers to see if they need anything. The have produced additional equipment such as bands for face masks and donate money.

SE asked about spiritual and mental well-being.

Alana Ursuline High Wimbledon. The week before half term they had a school wide mental health afternoon. Including carrying out an act of kindness to improve someone else's mental health.

AS- Inset day yesterday. The pupils came back today. Welcome back day including making posters and decorating desks. The school has a emotions colour chart out of 6 pupils 5 are happy and one was scared.



Marie Norbury the school came back yesterday. Some classes only have 6 pupils. They can have up to 15. The pupils seemed comfortable. 1st virtual liturgies took place yesterday and were received well.

Archbishop John thanked everyone for all the incredible work they are doing. It is the little things that help to sustain a routine. Keep things manageable, do not exhaust yourself.

SE asked if anyone had any questions

RP was asked by a pupil where is god in this situation. RP told the pupil that she wasn't sure. Her pupils are 10 years old.

Archbishop John advised he tries to keep responses simple, God has faced challenges and his challenges are never the end of the story. It's okay to not know the answer to something. Faith is believing in a context you don't fully understand.

Deacon Michael expressed his gratitude at the friendliness of neighbours and family in light of the current situation. Family who wouldn't normally speak are now communicating. When people pass in the street they are saying hello.

Elaine had a young person ask a similar question. Younger people tend to cut to the chase. They respond story telling. The application of scripture in story form. For pupils who have lost people through Covid, how well are chaplains prepared to deal with this. We must support one another.

SE we must look at liturgies to allow our children to have a voice and show hope. There is a project called Rainbows and remembrance. SE invited chaplains to participate. Se to send out details.

Kathleen uses the Labyrinth. Good for showing the journey and coming out with hope. They can be done with sand, shells or seeds.

SE asked for Kathleen to send over a link.

Archbishop John advised that if there is anything that can be done for the young people such a writing or answering questions.

Dympna asked if Archbishop could contribute to Yr 11s leaving message.

Jane Ireland advised that their Yr 11 and Yr 13s are finding it hard.

Paul suggested a personal message to each school on YouTube with a link.

Archbishop John suggested a message for each transitioning year rather than each school due to the number of schools we have.

SE asked if anyone has seen the UK blessing. Natalie has teamed up with SE to do a Southwark schools blessing. A letter will be sent out to all schools. A Mass will be organised to be aired in all schools.

SE led closing prayer.