

THE SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY (North East)

ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

As with other organisations, Shirley has had to adjust its way of operating over the past year to accommodate covid-related restrictions. However, you will see from the description of contacts at the end of this report that it has managed to maintain previous years' levels of client support and interaction. This is tribute to the hard work, ability and flexibility of the chaplain, volunteers and clients.

The Chaplaincy was founded in 2014, and the first two years of operations focused largely upon activities with men from HMP Northumberland, whom the Chaplain had known in his time as Chaplain there. In the last five years, the Chaplaincy's scope has broadened through referrals from existing members, regional prison chaplains, probation officers and other agents. The Chaplaincy is a member of the Community Chaplaincy Association.

Shirley is a client-centred organisation, and in previous years there has been a growing list of group events, outings and meetings. In 2020/21 the pandemic affected all these, with the result that the Chaplain's activities were driven largely by particular clients' practical and spiritual needs, and opportunities to socialise were effectively reduced to zero. Some activities were able to continue through zoom, but most clients did not have the technology to access them. With the easing of lockdown restrictions, many of these activities have begun to open up again, among them the weekly prayer meeting, fellowship group, Celebrating Recovery and Life Skills group and Church services.

A Non-covid Week in the Life of Shirley

- Monday - Weekly prayer meeting: an opportunity for Shirley clients and members of Holy Spirit Church Crawcrook to pray for the one another and about matters of wider concern. Between two and nine people attend.
- Wednesday - Weekly fellowship group for church members and clients: an opportunity to worship, pray, study the Bible and socialise. Between three and ten people attend.
- Friday - Celebrating recovery group and life skills group at Elim Pentecostal church in Heaton, for clients and others to encourage one another in addressing addiction and advancing life skills. Between one and five clients attend.
- Sunday - Service at Holy Spirit Crawcrook. There is an open invitation for any of our clients to attend church with the chaplain, followed by a lunch with a number of church members in a nearby café or in a member's own home. Between one and seven clients attend.

The Past Year

This year the Chaplain has been working with twenty six clients. As always, his main concern has been to enable them to develop self-confidence and to integrate well with other people, and he has been available on a 'phone line, to offer support to clients at home, in prison and in hospital.

The Chaplain has continued to speak as an advocate for several clients in court and before parole boards. He has also worked constructively with solicitors, the probation service, police, MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection) and hospitals. He has visited clients and potential clients regularly in Northumberland, Durham and Holme House prisons, and three times this year he visited a client in Rampton hospital in Nottingham. The list of the Chaplain's activities in Appendix 1 below gives an overall view of the range and scale of his involvements.

This year, because of the pandemic, the regular round of services and meetings, the occasional outings and residentials and the annual Christmas meal in a Jesmond restaurant have not been possible. It is good to note that, at the time of writing, many of these are beginning to restart. Over the past year, the

Chaplain has also consolidated his and Shirley's place within the structure and ministry of Holy Spirit Crawcrook. As well as leading worship and preaching on occasions, he is a member of the Parochial Church Council and has been elected to represent the parish on the Gateshead West Deanery Synod and Durham Diocesan Synod. He is about to start attending meetings of The Bishop's Council, having been elected this month. Such commitment reflects the regard he is held in locally and also helps more people to know about the Chaplaincy, embedding its work and vision within local church life.

Chaplaincy Structure and Support

The Chaplaincy offers support to the Chaplain and his work through its Board of Trustees, the Management Committee and the Pastoral Group. The Trustees were again able to award the Chaplain a small increase in salary, and they hope to continue this practice in subsequent years. They are acutely aware of the need to raise more money to sustain and extend the work of the Chaplaincy: the annual income of £25,000.00 allows for little more than half-time work, when salary and expenses are taken into account, and adding to the Chaplain's working hours and deployment of assistants have obvious cost implications.

The Trustees, Management Committee and Pastoral Group have met by zoom over the past year, and much of their time has been spent in addressing issues arising from the new working arrangements under covid and about finance. They continue to seek ways of locating suitable assistants to work alongside the Chaplain and alleviate some of the stress involved in outings and engagements with clients when the Chaplain is the lone worker. They and the Chaplain are very grateful to the volunteers for the help they have provided on a variety of fronts.

Challenges

The Chaplain, Trustees and Management Committee have identified the following challenges as priorities to be addressed in 2021-2022:

1. addiction issues
2. expanding the annual income to provide secure funding for the next few years.

Thanks

The Chaplaincy continues to record its gratitude to the vicar of Greenside, Tom Brazier, and congregations of Greenside parish, which includes Holy Spirit Crawcrook: they have made Shirley welcome in so many ways, and in November 2021 they will again host the Chaplaincy's major fund-raising activity, a sponsored reading of the Old Testament. The Chaplain is an elected member of the Greenside PCC and the West Gateshead Deanery Synod.

The Chaplaincy also thanks warmly:

- its volunteers: Jayne, Frank and Chris, for their behind-the-scenes and front-line work
- Gwen for providing a meeting location, meals and love
- all who support the Chaplaincy in prayer (including the prayer team: Paul, Helen, Margaret, Chris, Frank, and the additional what's app prayers: Richard, Mandy, Dawn, Norma, John, Margaret), finance and other practical ways.

David Scott (Chair of Trustees)

Richard Bryant (Chair of Pastoral Group)

Paul Hobbs Community Chaplain

16 November 2021

Appendix 1 – List of the Chaplain's Contacts with Clients and Related People in 2020-2021

Taken from the Chaplaincy Diary - 1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

Total number of Clients 26

In total, there were 361 interactions, with 8 of the men having 20 or over: an interaction signifies a trip or meal out, church visit, hospital or prison visit, 'phone call, letter, or attendance at a significant meeting. The following indicative list illustrates the breadth of contacts made in the course of the year:

Probation contacts 8
phone calls recorded with offenders/ex offenders 156
contacts with family of offenders 15
Food banks related 14
Visit locally 25
Eating out 7
Fishing trips 5
Letters sent to us 5
Cards and letters sent 30
Support in court 2
Pick-up 1
Prison visits 6
Hospital visits 3
Chaplaincy contact 3
Moving Furniture 2
Items purchase/obtained 3, washing machine, micro wave, bed
Items sent into prison 1 - music box/blaster
Looking after men's items 1

David Scott R.K. Bryant



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Shiley Community Chaplaincy(North-East)

No (if any)
1158939

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2020

To

Period end date
31/03/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	21,447	-	-	21,447	29,130
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,447	-	-	21,447	29,130
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,447	-	-	21,447	29,130
A3 Payments					
Salary	13,630	-	-	13,630	-
Tax/Ni	2,853	-	-	2,853	-
Transport	941	-	-	941	-
Food	320	-	-	320	-
Outings	442	-	-	442	-
Emergency Funding	520	-	-	520	-
office/Insurance	1,141	-	-	1,141	-
Pension	600	-	-	600	-
Expenses	203	-	-	203	-
Sub total	20,650	-	-	20,650	23,860
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,650	-	-	20,650	23,860
Net of receipts/(payments)	797	-	-	797	5,270
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	10,976	-	-	10,976	10,179

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,976	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
David Scott	DAVID SCOTT	16.11.21
R. K. Bryant	RICHARD BRYANT	