

The story so far...



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COMMUNICATIONS:

Supporters kept informed and a regular pattern of multifaith prayer diaries and informative newsletters was sent out to all chaplains and supporters.

2017: FORMED

Following an independent survey, a need for a chaplaincy support organisation was identified and CWC was formed with a board of Trustees. Communications established with chaplains working in the Peterborough area by linking up with the City Group of Churches Together in Central Peterborough.

FEB 2018 LAUNCH EVENT:

Chaplains, supporters, businesses and church leaders gather to hear the aims of the charity and chaplains were asked what support they wanted from the organisation.

NEWSLETTERS:

Each month these include a thought provoking article by a Trustee about matters related to chaplaincy, the workplace and society. Events and news from across the county is shared along with a spotlight interview with a chaplain.

REGULAR NETWORKING:

CWC aims to give chaplains occasions to meet together, chat informally and support each other whilst enjoying a talk and refreshments.

ENGAGEMENT WITH BUSINESS:

We seek to engage businesses with the idea of workplace chaplaincy - to explain how all sizes of businesses and the self employed can benefit from a listening ear to meet the pastoral and spiritual needs of the workplace.



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Workplace chaplaincy offers a vital frontline support and safe spaces for staff because it is independent of the organisation and from HR. Our staff deserve to be supported well and workplace chaplaincy offers this to them.

Gillian Beasley, CEO, Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council

**WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY IS OF
BENEFIT TO ANYONE IN A WORKPLACE.**

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**MEETING THE PASTORAL AND SPIRITUAL
NEEDS OF THE WORKPLACE ACROSS
CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH**

THE STORY, SO FAR...

When the trustees of Chaplaincy to People at Work (CPW) closed the charity, the Cambridgeshire Ecumenical Council formed a working party to assess the need for workplace chaplaincy. One of the first observations by the working party was that there were a significant number of people engaged in workplace chaplaincy, prompting the question:

WAS THERE A NEED FOR AN ORGANISATION?

After a considerable amount of discussion which included the analysis of chaplains stated needs, the decision was made to form a new organisation to cover Cambridgeshire including Peterborough.

Cambridgeshire Workplace Chaplaincy is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a committed and supportive board of Trustees plus a secretary and development administrator.

THE OBJECTIVES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

The relief of need and the promotion of good health through the provision of but not limited to the following:

- Developing workplace chaplaincy services
- Promoting the nature and value of chaplaincy in the workplace
- Supporting all in need in the workplace
- Supporting chaplains

A launch event took place in February 2018 with Gillian Beasley (CEO of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council) and the Rt. Rev. David Thomson (then Bishop of Huntingdon) as the speakers. The aim was to see what interest there was in workplace chaplaincy and around 30 chaplains plus a wide range of supporters attended; and the decision to form CWC was proved viable.

One of our most important functions is to raise awareness about workplace chaplaincy to businesses and organisations including the self-employed. We do this by:

- Circulating a **monthly newsletter** and **multifaith prayer diary** in response to a strong request from chaplains
- Working with **City Group of Churches Together** in Central Peterborough who run a twice annual forum for chaplains working in the Peterborough area
- Organising **meetings for networking** and support in Peterborough and Cambridge – these are well attended by both chaplains and supporters
- Promoting the **value of workplace chaplaincy** through communications including Twitter and promotional bookmarks and postcards that are being gradually being places of worship and places of work across the county
- **Attending and exhibiting** at events such as Cambridgeshire Chambers of Commerce events, Ely Cathedral Business Group Celebration of Business plus Business to Business exhibitions including the Two Counties Exhibition and B2B exhibitions that happen annually in Cambridge, Fenland, Huntingdon and Peterborough.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

- CWC has facilitated the establishment of the Mill Road Workplace Chaplaincy by the Rev Gilson Gwendu of Mill Road Baptist Church
- We have promoted the Cambridge Science Park 'Listening Ear' chaplaincy service
- Discussions are ongoing with Cambridgeshire Constabulary about possible development of their chaplaincy offering
- We assisted with helping to find a Chaplain for the Cambridge site of the East Anglian Air Ambulance
- We have also assisted in the placement of a chaplain with Swiss Laundry
- CWC is in discussion with the Diocese of Ely to see if there are ways it may enhance some of its other missional initiatives, including the Market Towns initiative.

The Trustees continue to seek further ways of meeting CWC's aims. In a relatively short time, a considerable amount has been achieved. Further opportunities are actively being sought to support chaplains, facilitating chaplains in workplaces and promoting the concept of workplace chaplaincy.