

The Turning



Father Victor and four parishioners, who are also parish evangelising cell system (PECS) members took part in the Turning during the week of Sunday 22nd – Saturday 28th Sept 2019.

Several other parishioners, also cell members, attended the evening prayer meetings.

The Turning is an evangelism model that encourages and equips ordinary Christians to introduce people to Jesus and follow up with one-to-one discipleship. Since its infancy in Reading, Berkshire in 2016, it has spread to other cities and counties in England and into Scotland, Wales and over to Europe. Apart from well over 10,000 people making decisions for Jesus on the streets, The turning also leaves behind a legacy of better Church unity and changing Church cultures to that of disciples making disciples.

The Turning works through the local community or parish, working to equip you and your local Church leaders across your region.

Bromley borough has been getting ready for The Turning for a while now, and we've reached the point where we have identified HUBS and hub leaders for specific areas. David Wood, the pastor of Green Street Green Baptist Church, volunteered to be the Hub Leader for our area of Orpington, Biggin Hill and The Crays.

Mornings: Training, Worship & Outreach

Training: Street Evangelism Training Worship | Come before the Father Outreach | 1 hour on the streets | Feedback | Testimonies

Evenings: Nightly Encounters

Worship | Unhurried time with God Prayer | Interceding for our streets Ministry | Receiving from

FOLLOW-UP ORGANISATION

When people pray a prayer of response to the Gospel on the streets we invite them to give their contact details in order for follow up to be started.

When the mission team return to the hub each day there is time to share what has happened and also to input the details of the people who have responded on to the Web App if this was not possible on the streets.

The role of the Hub Mission Follow-up Co-ordinator is to:

- Send the details of those who have responded on the streets to relevant Church Mission Follow-up Co-ordinators
- Liaise with Church Mission Follow-up Co-ordinators following the dissemination of details of those who have responded
- Liaise with Turning Team members, when any issues or questions arise.

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The role of the Church Mission Follow-up Co-ordinator is to:

- Send the details of those who have responded on the streets to relevant Church members who have been trained in follow-up
- Liaise with Church members following the dissemination of details of those who have responded
- Liaise with Hub Mission Follow-up Co-ordinators when any issues or questions arise

The aim is to assign people for follow up on the same day as the initial contact and response on the streets.

The person assigned to follow up will then make their initial contact within 24 hours to organise meeting in a coffee shop to begin discipleship.

This is so once the launch is over and the 'Turning Team' have gone home you are equipped and ready to continue with outreach and follow people up. We ask that everywhere we go continues to go out monthly and continues to build momentum; drawing in new Churches in their Hubs and new Hubs in their region.

Each year the regions will run 'pushes' where they have a focussed Turning outreach week across their county, using the same rhythm as the launch week and involving the new Churches and Hubs.

In 2020 we are asking all regions to run this in the same week as we begin to look at having a Mission to England (and beyond).

On Friday evening, the last evening of the prayer worship at Green Street Green Baptist Church, David Wood asked Father Victor to pray over those who had been inflicted with any ailments.

The Turning was an occasion of true unity between Christians in our town.

We look forward to repeating it.

Father Victor prays over a street evangelist >>>



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Father Victor says.....What has been instrumental this week in overcoming my deep-seated fear in street evangelism?

I have been sent out on the streets at Jesus' word (Luke 5:5), equipped with his "power" and "authority" (Luke 9:1), and stepping out solely in faith.

In the wake of the amazing experience of The Turning, I have realised that I have been more inclined to be "pastor of sheep" instead of "fisher of people." That is to say, I am better prepared to feed with word [scripture] and sacraments the people who come to Church than to bring new people into the Church, or to "re-fish" those who have drifted away to the margins of the Church.

The Church cannot be rebuilt by being purely focused on pastoral concern; evangelistic endeavour is vital for its restructuring. The parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7) is sadly reversed today: ninety-nine sheep have gone off and one remains in the sheepfold.

Christians from all over Orpington join in prayer and worship. >>>>>>>



Sunday evening 29th September 2019

A thanksgiving service was held at Orpington Baptist Church to celebrate the 2,543 blessings prayed over people in 15 of the London Boroughs and the 1,028 responses to pray to Jesus.

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A spirit-filled occasion with all Christians joining together in unity for prayer and worship.

