

# CHRIST CHURCH

## EAST GREENWICH

### Statement on Racial Justice

In response to recent events in the USA which have highlighted racial injustice across the world, Christ Church East Greenwich reaffirms its commitment to Gospel values of diversity and inclusivity as expressed in the life and ministry of Jesus. We recognise that racism, born out of ignorance, prejudice and hatred, operates across all levels of society. We recognise the work that needs to be done to eliminate the incalculable hurt and suffering caused by systemic racism in our community, our country, and our world. As a diverse church family, we stand in solidarity with those who continue to be oppressed because of the colour of their skin. We affirm our commitment to listen, to learn, and to take action against racism in all its forms to show God's love and justice for all his people.

### Invitation to a Conversation

We are launching an invitation to a conversation around issues of racial justice in response to our statement and in the hope that listening and receiving will lead to action. Everyone is invited to join in so we can all share our own stories and experiences and listen to the stories and experiences of others. You could:

- Join our Facebook closed group [here](#)
- Post a thought on our 'padlet' wall [here](#) which can be done anonymously - contributions are moderated
- Respond directly to one of the members of the steering group - [Michael Crawford](#), [Pam Zigomo](#), [Catherine Millar](#) or [Revd Margaret](#).

Please note the Facebook group and Padlet wall are guided by rules and moderation to keep it a safe space. We hope that people of all races will join the conversation.

You might like to take a survey on your own unconscious bias [here](#) which asks questions about implicit associations you make without realising.

### Starting Point...

Our statement above is only a starting point and we are committed to listening to one another so we can respond to the sharing of experiences through action. We think that listening and receiving experiences and stories is a starting point and hope that this would have a ripple effect which allow us to take action going forward to impact on our local community and more widely.

One response might be to hold a 'Sunday at Seven' event around lamenting and repenting as well as seeking reconciliation and restoration.

We will also be considering how we use the Bible during 'The Bible Course' as a call to freedom and understanding of God's love for all people and not as a weapon for oppression.

### Royal Borough of Greenwich

[Runnymede](#) worked with the Royal Borough of Greenwich and with [Greenwich Inclusion Project \(GrIP\)](#) to deliver a report outlining the extent of ethnic inequalities in the borough. The council has committed to tackling these inequalities, working with local people, including race equality organisations, using the Scorecard as a basis for setting priorities and measuring change. You can read the report [here](#).

### Steering group for CCEG Conversation: Racial Justice

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