

ROCHESTER PRISON CHAPLAINCY PRESENT:

The Alpha Course



“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

John 8:32

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US

Dear Church Leaders,

The recent pandemic crisis had a massive impact on our world and all areas of society were hit by the restrictions that came with it. This was very evident in prisons where its most disturbing effect was the decline in prisoners' emotional, psychological, and physical well-being. At the height of the pandemic, prisoners spent 23 hours locked in their cells. With restrictions being lifted, Christian prison chaplaincies around the country have in front of them the challenge -and privilege- of continuing to share the hope and transforming message of the Gospel. However, this task is better undertaken in Christian unity and partnership.

Rochester Prison Chaplaincy Team are excited to be planning to launch a new Alpha Course in September and hoping to continue running it on a regular basis. We would love the support of local churches and there are a variety of ways people could get involved, from training and becoming a group leader to praying, to financial support.

Therefore, we would like to invite you, and those in your churches who are interested in this ministry, to an evening gathering with people involved in Christian ministry in Rochester Prison who will share their challenges, hopes and vision. There will also be a special guest from *Alpha in Prisons* who has been involved in the ministry for over 10 years.

DATE: Thursday 21st July

TIME: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

PLACE: Kings Church, New Rd Ave, Chatham ME4 6BB

It is our hope that some of those who come to this meeting will be inspired to get involved in one of a few possible ways in supporting Alpha in Rochester later this year and that through our partnership men will come to know Jesus as Lord.

If you are able to come to this meeting, please RSVP to Miriam Barker at chaplaincy.rochester@justice.gov.uk with your name, church, email and phone number. Any volunteers coming into the prison will need to be over 18 years old.

We look forward to seeing you there!

PARTNERSHIP IS CRUCIAL FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL.

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