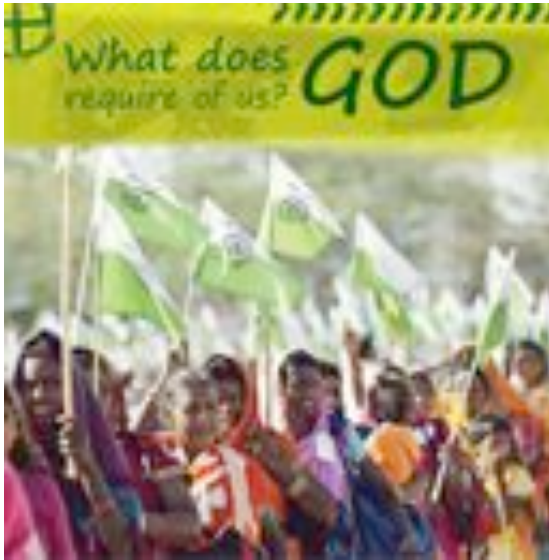


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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2013

What does God require of us?

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2013 comes to us from an ecumenical group in South India. They have reflected upon their own context and offer to us a theme that calls us to respond to the obligations to act justly in the world.

The text is taken from Micah 6.6-8.

The materials have been adapted by the Britain and Ireland Writers Group and they have written additional material, including meditations for each of the 8 days, and two versions of the worship service.

Dates

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the **18th to the 25th January** - the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. However, some areas observe it at Pentecost or some other time. To allow for local decision making, the material has only the year on it and the days are denoted by the numbers one to eight, so you can use it at any time of year.

Christian Aid

This year we are continuing with our partnership with Christian Aid, who have participated in the preparation of these materials and you will find within the resources some important pointers to the vital work of Christian Aid in the relief of poverty and advocacy of justice in changing our world.

<http://www.ctbi.org.uk/607>

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Are you using *Pray-as-you-go* or have you ever tried it?

www.pray-as-you-go.org/

Ever wondered who uses *Pray-as-you-go*? Where in the world they are? Whether they listen on the train or the bus, or walking the dog, or at home? What they think of it? 10 minutes maximum with God every morning.

Well, here's a few who have listened in.

Tim Jenkins, a missionary in San Raymundo, Guatemala, writes: I listen to PAYG all week long. It was recommended to me by a minister friend in Dallas, Texas, and yes, he loves it too. PAYG is the single greatest devotional tool I have ever used. Nothing has ever initiated a time of prayer and devotion like PAYG. I look forward to using it every evening, because I get to close out the day with worship, scripture, and prayer. Thank you for producing this exceptional devotional podcast.

A college student from Indonesia writes: I heard PAYG just last week after surfing the web. It's a wonderful site, It gives me more energy to start my day and increase focus, while being more spiritual me. I get used to using PAYG in the morning before I go to college. I can perform better in class, take notes effectively, while being a more better me. I feel more comfortable in dealing a very busy college life. Thanks.

Heidi from Austria, writes: A few months ago I was looking for a means to make better use of the time I have to spend in the train when going to work every day. At the same time I felt that my busy schedule did not include sufficient time to communicate with God in prayer. So I got myself an MP3 player and searched the web for some 'inspiration material'. I was looking for spiritual food, not just for music, and your daily prayer sessions are exactly the right thing. I am Catholic and really enjoy the openness of your prayer style: it feels so good to get your impulses and suggestions and then have time to continue talking to God in my own heart. Thank you so much, and please continue!

Gareth from Swindon, Wiltshire, UK, writes: At times I feel my life is scattered even worthless, as it were. Listening to the music, the readings, thoughts and the voices is so soothing, gentle, relaxing and sometimes inspiring. By mere coincidence I was on the train coming home from London, reading a free newspaper when I discovered your website. Despite all sort of difficulties, being away from home and living a life full of uncertainties, I still believe there is Hope, thanks mainly to your website. Thank you very much for your great work. God Bless.

Opportunities for helping and learning from each other

Dear David

Yesterday we met with Jay Chapman from Citizens Online.

His project is about getting people in isolated communities access to computers/superfast broadband and training in use of computers through working alongside and supporting community projects – or potentially working with churches/church buildings. The website link is:

www.citizenonline.org.uk

Whilst appreciating that everyone may be at different stages in developing their buildings, we thought it would be useful to let you know about this. If you think this is something that you may be interested in doing in the next year or so, please contact Jay direct. He will be happy to come and have an informal meeting to answer any questions you may have before you have to decide if this is for you.

Debbie Croucher - Transforming Cornwall

Citizens Online is a national charity which helps communities gain the benefits of being online. Working alongside Superfast Cornwall and local partners, free help and advice is given in bringing the internet to your church building as well as training in the use of computers. If you would like to find out more, then please contact:-

Jay Chapman on 07764 936774 or
jay.chapman@citizenonline.org.uk

Henry Martyn of Truro: Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia (1781-1812).

The Benson Lecture 2012

Henry Martyn: Son of Cornwall and Missionary Scholar.

Saturday 13th October at 7.30pm

Lecture given by the Rt Revd Dr Graham Kings, Bishop of Sherborne.

Truro born Henry Martyn (1781 – 1812) lived a short life, but it had a profound influence on missionary activity in India and Persia through his scholarly Bible translation. The Baptistry windows in Truro Cathedral bear lucid witness to his impact. Dr Graham Kings, who founded the Henry Martyn Centre in Cambridge, will explore this important legacy and seek to draw lessons for today. Free with retiring collection.

Henry Martyn: his role in the vision of Truro Cathedral, Monday 8th October at 7.30pm

An illustrated talk by Michael Swift as part of the celebrations of the bicentenary of the death of the Truro-born missionary Henry Martyn. His example was a major influence on Bishop Benson for many of the features of the new Truro Cathedral in the 1880's. In the Pearson Room of the Cathedral Office. Seating is very limited. You must obtain Free tickets from the Cathedral Office.

This talk is then repeated on **Wednesday 10th October at 2.30pm** in the Nave of Truro Cathedral.

On Sunday 21st October there will be a 10am Solemn Eucharist and a 4pm Evensong that remembers Henry Martyn of Truro.

SACRE's annual lecture

Does RE have a future in the 21st century School?

Cornwall SACRE is pleased to invite you to the religious education event of the 2012.

Where? County Hall, Truro, TR14 7LN

When? Friday 19th October, 2012 at 7.30

Who? The lecture will be delivered by
Professor James Conroy
Professor of Religious and Philosophical Education (Creativity Culture and Faith)
University of Glasgow



Professor Conroy is an outstanding scholar of religious education. He has written widely in the areas of religious education, religion, education & liberal democracy and education and the literary & aesthetic imagination.

The Professor has an enduring interest in (and has written on) the philosophy of Hannah Arendt and the lessons to be learnt from her work for education and other social projects. He is also interested and has written about childhood.

Most recently Professor Conroy has been working on reconfiguring the arguments for and about pluralism in education, based on the recovery and refurbishment of some older terms and ideas. He has an enduring concern with education into the future, hence the title of his lecture.

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The Churches Tent at the Royal Cornwall Show

The Tent Committee are proud to give an important shop window for all that Churches Together in Cornwall represents.

To continue to do this well, they are seeking a new Site Manager to share in the various practical things involved in setting up the tent equipment before the show, keeping an eye on things while the show is on, and helping to pack things up when it closes.

Willing hands are available to support all these tasks, but the Site Manager will help coordinate the things that they don't take on for themselves. Thanks are expressed to previous Site Managers who have helped set a high standard in the tent generally.

Linked with this, is a need for a more central storage place for the furniture and equipment used in the tent. Furniture, screens and even the kitchen sink must be stored for the other 51 weeks of the year, and at present they are kept in a garage in north Cornwall.

A storage place (roughly the size of a domestic garage) that is much nearer the showground would make things a lot easier.

Anybody able to help with either of these things should contact Rev Roger Greene who is Chairman of the Tent Committee. He can be contacted on 01736 788506 or via RevRogerGreene@aol.com .

“A saint is one who is constantly conscious of being a sinner and rarely, if ever, conscious of being a saint. In fact, it has been said that there are two kinds of people in the world: sinners who think they are saints, and saints who know they are sinners.

It has been said that when a saint gets to heaven, he/she will be surprised by three things. First, he will be surprised to see so many he did not think would be there. Second, he will be surprised that some are not there whom he expected to see. Third he will be surprised that he himself is there.”

Quotes from page 92 of “Introducing the Orthodox Church.” A.M.Coniaris.

I would be grateful to receive any information about what your Churches Together Group is up to regarding activities, programme and services. Do please send to:- David H Smith – CTC Missioner Chyreene Warra, Rosehill, Marazion, TR17 0HB or send to: ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk

Your joint activities, services and programmes can then be uploaded and advertised as part of the Churches Together in Cornwall website :-

www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk

Local Churches Together groups

In a town or city suburb churches often group together to strengthen their witness to the local community. Such groups are where most people express their ecumenical relationships. They should not be just another church organisation for those who 'are keen on that sort of thing.' The question is which decisions should the churches be making together instead of separately.

Many such groups are long-standing. Some have a Covenant relationship to which local church leaders commit themselves publicly.

Some are very active in united prayer and worship and social action, while others might focus on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and/or Lenten study groups.

To find out details of a Churches Together Group local to you, contact the Ecumenical Missioner Officer (contact details in the box below)

Message from Penryn & Falmouth CT - Dear Friends, Jenni Crozier, an elder at Emmanuel Baptist Church and an instigator of the Prayer Tent on the Moor many years ago, has been doing mission work in Bangladesh for many years and is currently involved in raising funds to buy some land for a church school. The total needed is £25,000 with £10,765 already raised from Jenni's contacts.

I am sending this message out in faith to the wider Churches Together community, for prayers, thoughts and hopefully, action....we have 2 more months! - Yours in Christ, - Ali Durkin

From: jennifer@jennifer17.orangehome.co.uk
To: alisondurkin1@hotmail.co.uk
Subject: Bangladesh land

Hi there Ali,

Thank you so much for your support and generous gift towards buying the land for the school in Bangladesh. Pastor William in Bangladesh sends his prayers and thanks to you. The church and school in Dhaka are thrilled that you have been so generous in supporting them.

This is just an update on how the raising of the money for the land is going. We are now at £10,765 - £7,120 already given with another £3,000 pledged and £645 of gift aid. So, just another £14,235 to go!! That certainly sounds a lot more achievable than £25,000!!

Of course much (but not all) of the current total has come from those who are passionate about mission overseas and Bangladesh and who have been consistent supporters all along so I guess the hardest bit is ahead of us.

Please continue to pray for the rest of the money to come in. Prayer works miracles and we need miracles to reach the target by the end of November!!

You can look at the giving page on <http://www.justgiving.com/Jenni-Crozier0>

If you have any contacts/know of organisations who support this kind of mission giving or have ideas for fund raising please share them. I am the last person on earth to do fund raising (God does have a sense of humour!) so I need all the help I can get.

Thank you so much for your prayers and your support in this. - Jenni