

**SEPTEMBER 2011**



**THE WEEK OF PRAYER  
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - 2012**

The theme for this year's "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" (traditionally celebrated between 18 and 25 January each year) is:-

**"We will all be changed  
by the Victory of our Lord  
Jesus Christ."**  
(cf. 1 Cor 15:51-58)

**As Poland prepares to host the European Football Championship in 2012, Christians in the country have put the meaning of "victory" and "defeat" at the centre of their reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity that will be celebrated earlier in the year. Preparatory resources based on these reflections are already available in five languages on the website of the World Council of Churches**

([www.oikoumene.org/.../unity.../week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity](http://www.oikoumene.org/.../unity.../week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity)).

The theme "We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ" is based on the apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:51-58). It promises a transformation of human life, with all its apparent "triumph" and "defeat", through the victory of Christ's resurrection.

"Rivalry is a permanent feature not only in sport but also in political, business, cultural and, even, church life" says the introductory text for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012.

Both football and Polish history, marked by military invasions and freedom struggles, have inspired the preparatory group to "spare a thought for the losers", coming to the conclusion that "There is room for everyone in God's plan of salvation."

The production of the liturgical and biblical material for the week of prayer has been coordinated jointly since 1968 by the World Council of Churches (Faith and Order Commission) and the Roman Catholic Church (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity).

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Resources on the website for the week are available in English, French, German, Portuguese and Spanish, and include: an introduction to the theme; a suggested ecumenical celebration which local churches are encouraged to adapt for their own particular liturgical, social and cultural contexts; biblical reflections and prayers for the "eight days"; and additional prayers from, and an overview of, the ecumenical situation in Poland.

**Halloween / All Saints' Day  
resources from Damaris.**

**Helping Christians communicate their faith  
appropriately within contemporary popular culture**

In September Damaris will launch their free seasonal resources for the run-up to Halloween and All Saints' Day. These will follow a similar format to our Advent and Lent resources, some of which you can still view at [www.damaris.org/advent](http://www.damaris.org/advent) and [www.damaris.org/easter](http://www.damaris.org/easter).

There will be special videos, as well as a video countdown calendar that you can put on your church website or blog, featuring speakers such as Rob and Dianne Parsons, Stephen Gaukroger and Pete Grieg. The resources are designed to help people think about spiritual issues at this time of year.

Damaris will provide more information in good time, but for now please consider including these resources in your autumn programme to help people think through the issues raised by the festivals of Halloween and All Saints' Day.

**Movie Moments - Oranges and Sunshine**

You might be interested in Damaris' recent Movie Moments video on *Oranges and Sunshine*, with the DVD release of the film on 25th July. In this episode, Carol Pollard explores how the film raises questions about the cost of redemption and restoration and whether this always requires someone to pay the price.

Movie Moments is provided free for you to preview, republish and download. These videos are ideal for use in film groups or church groups to spark discussions.

Access all the latest Damaris resources by joining the [Damaris internet community](http://www.damaris.org/internet-community) for free. It entitles you to future special offers on some of our other resources.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL  
WEBSITE**

[www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/cornwall/](http://www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/cornwall/)

We now have a website which is updated weekly given news and information of what activities Churches Together in Cornwall are planning. The website has been created so that you can advertise your Churches Together joint services, events, activities and future plans. Just send the information to me, David (contact details on page three) and the details will be promoted through the website.

I'm pleased to report that since the website was first created in March 2011 (5 months) over 2500 people have visited the site with over 34,000 hits being achieved.

The Very Revd Canon David Richardson, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See is Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome.



Canon David with his wife Margie.

He writes at Pentecost that the Papal visit to Scotland and England in September 2010 was hailed as an iconic moment, a diplomatic triumph by Church and stated,

"I am grateful to have been included as a member of the Archbishop's entourage throughout. Since Vatican II there have been a number of iconic moments in the story of ecumenism caught on film: to these must now be added the picture of Archbishop Rowan and Pope Benedict embracing at the Peace in Westminster Abbey," he says.



### FOSTERING LEADERS, FOSTERING COMMUNION.

Courses at the Anglican Centre in Rome (ACR) over the past year have been both well attended and much appreciated. Participants have represented the breadth – ecclesiastical and geographical – the Communion, coming from Asia, Australasia, USA and Canada, Nigeria, Rwanda, England and Wales. This diversity has highlighted the role of ACR as a safe-space where the hurts and wounds within our own Communion may be tended and where conversations may foster our internal Anglican unity. In February 2010 and in March 2011 we were fortunate to have Dame Mary Tanner leading courses on the current state of the ecumenical dialogue between the Churches of the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church. The earlier of these courses was designed specifically for leaders and future leaders in the church.

At the end of Mary's Tanner's course this year we showed a film of the service for the Pope in Westminster Abbey. One of the Nigerians present exclaimed that if every diocese could see such enacted unity between Pope and Archbishop, it would do more than anything else in this part of the church to heal divisions. There is no doubt that the Papal visit contributed much to healing of hurts and memories.



Churches Together achieved a high profile at the Royal Cornwall Show and the Churches Tent proved to be as popular as ever as a source of information and refreshment for thousands of people.

Besides the cups of tea and pasties, there was an extensive Fairtrade stand, a comprehensive Christian bookstall and a range of activities for children. Innovations this year included non-stop Bible storytelling, the chance for visitors to quite literally write themselves into history at the 'scriptorium', and an opportunity to vote for their favourite Bible story. The winner of this latter election, by a long way, was The Good Samaritan.

Bishop Tim referred to the Bible in his address at the Eve of Show Service, telling several hundred people gathered in the main grandstand how important it was to keep reading it, no matter how familiar some of its passages might become. Hymns were accompanied by the St Minver Silver Band and schoolchildren from Wadebridge Junior School, who enchanted everyone with their singing, especially their version of 'Amazing Grace'.

The Churches Together chaplaincy team took up with people where they were to help them discover God's presence in the commonplace, the tradition and the excitement that is the Royal Cornwall Show.

**GWENNAP PIT**  
**SUNDAY 12th JUNE – 3PM**  
**1000 + CHRISTIANS ??**  
**OUR SERVICE - WILL YOU BE THERE ??**



Well, I was there, along with another couple of ladies who can be seen having a picnic (if you look closely.) I rode there on my disability scooter from Redruth.

I was looking forward to hearing a rousing crescendo of 1000 + voices, pouring their hearts out to our God.

After struggling to climb the steps in anticipation, I stopped at the top in amazement and saw a desolate "Pit" enveloped in heavy wet mist. But I was there ! .... All ready and prepared to sing.

I am sure the hastily re-arranged service at Redruth Wesley church was probably fantastic and well attended.

However, I answered the direct call - WILL YOU BE THERE ?

and YES God .... I WAS indeed there !!

(and God willing Daphne Barbary – you will be there next year with the rest of us - **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May 3pm** and hear those 1000+ voices singing in adoration – editor, David)



The children taking part in Messy Church in Newquay recently celebrated Pentecost.

They took part in a number of crafts & activities explaining wind and fire.

They made wind sticks, windmills, volcano's, decorated candles, windchimes and made five Pentecost garlands, one for each of the Churches that support Messy Church.

The attached photo shows Revd Kim Williams, Revd Peter Davy, Major Carol Lockhart, Captain Penny Sullivan and several of the children that helped to make the garland they are pictured with.

The photo was taken by photographer Phil Bunt & he has given his permission for the photo to be used.

Mary Cook  
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### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BUDE

"Worship in the Round" featuring Spring Harvest worship leaders and recording artists, Ben Cantelon, Marc James and Cathy Burton, is making a UK Tour and is coming to Bude Methodist Church on Thursday 13th October, doors open 7.30pm.

We would like to make this Worship Festival an outreach event for the whole area to encourage people to bring their non Christian friends to experience the power of worshipping together.

More details from Heather Mikes at The Ark Angel Bookshop 01288 356886  
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### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CAMELFORD

#### HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

To be held at Hallworthy Cattle Market the Harvest Songs of Praise will be accompanied by the St Gennys Silver Band on Friday 14th October at 7.30pm.

This is held in conjunction with the Harvest Charity Sale in the Wilsey Down Hotel with the support of Kivells Auctioneers.

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## FUSION – OPEN CROWD COMMUNITY FESTIVALS

**Welcome** to the Fusion Youth & Community website. Here you'll find the story of the Fusion International movement in the United Kingdom, from its beginning in 2003 until today. From youth cafes to community festivals, parenting courses to youth work training – Fusion YAC seeks to work with groups of thoughtful, committed people who want to together help make a difference in their local area. That's why our motto is: "Together with Hope". You might want to check out or new resources for 2012. We have manuals, DVDs and training sessions to equip you and your community. Why not take a look?

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### ACTS 435

This is new charity set up by the Archbishop of York. It is designed to work through churches of all denominations and non-denominational churches, and is appealing to churches who are serious about helping those in their community.

**Acts 435** is a revolutionary charity which uses the existing church network to enable those who have resources to give to those who haven't through the technology of the Internet. Now someone in Cambridge can buy shoes for a needy child in Birmingham or a donor in London can provide a new washing machine for a neighbour in distress in Middlesbrough. Please see our website to see how it works [www.acts435.org.uk](http://www.acts435.org.uk)

It is very quick and simple once a church leadership has agreed the scheme. The key thing is to select an individual, or various people, to be church advocates for **Acts 435**. With their names and email addresses, they can be trained up on the system so they can post requests. Within a week or so, most advocates feel they understand the system and can start posting requests and helping people in their community. We also have groups of churches operating together as an **Acts 435** participating church, and this can work very effectively too. We seek to be flexible to fit into the different ways churches operate.

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