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**Archbishop Justin blogs:
'A Christian country?'**



Our society's laws and values 'have been shaped and founded on Christianity' says Archbishop Justin.

Contributing to the current debate over whether Britain is a Christian country, the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby [writes on his blog today](#) about the central role that Christianity has played in founding and shaping our society.

"It is a historical fact (perhaps unwelcome to some, but true) that our main systems of ethics, the way we do law and justice, the values of society, how we decide what is fair, the protection of the poor, and most of the way we look at society . . . All have been shaped by and founded on Christianity.

"Add to that the foundation of many hospitals, the system of universal schooling, the presence of chaplains in prisons, and one could go on a long time.

Then there is the literature, visual art, music and culture that have formed our understandings of beauty and worth since Anglo Saxon days."

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Archbishop Justin goes on to argue that it is wrong to assume that expressing confidence in the country's Christian identity alienates those of other faiths. "The influence of a moderate and careful and generous Christian faith has enabled us to be welcoming to other faiths," he writes.

- See more at:

<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5305/archbishop-justin-blogs-a-christian-country#sthash.8ILlwp33.dpuf>

**Archbishop condemns abduction
of Nigerian schoolgirls**



Archbishop Justin today condemned the abduction of over 200 Nigerian schoolgirls from their boarding school three weeks ago, and has asked that people join him in praying for their safe release.

Archbishop Justin said:

"This is an atrocious and inexcusable act and my prayers and thoughts go out to the young people and their families at this upsetting time. I appeal to those who have taken these schoolgirls to release them immediately and unharmed.

This is in a part of Nigeria I have visited and in a country whose people are close to my heart. Let your hearts be open in compassion and mercy to those who have suffered so much."

- See more at:

<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/articles.php/5311/archbishop-condemns-abduction-of-nigerian-schoolgirls#sthash.DCMI7eLq.dpuf>

**Chemin Neuf comes to Lambeth Palace.
Underpinning the ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury**

Four members of Chemin Neuf, an international ecumenical community, have moved to Lambeth Palace to share in the daily round of prayer that underpins the Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry and to further the ecumenical and international dimensions of his work.

Archbishop Justin Welby said, "The church is constantly called to realize its God-given unity. The Holy Spirit blows through our lives and our structures and impels us into new ways of learning to love each other as Christ loves us' I am deeply moved that in God's grace Chemin Neuf have agreed to this radical and exciting new step of coming to live as a community of prayer, hospitality and learning at Lambeth Palace. We pray that this step of obedience will bear fruit amongst us and for the church."

Chemin Neuf is following in the footsteps of a line of sisters from the Anglican Religious communities of the Order of the Holy Paraclete, the Community of the Holy Name and the Sisters of the Love of God, who have served at Lambeth Palace over the past 24 years.

Chemin Neuf is a Catholic foundation with an ecumenical vocation, consisting of men and women, married and single, some who have taken lifetime vows and others committed for a shorter term. Its members, who come from different Christian denominations, are united by their faith in Jesus Christ and the desire to serve the Church, the Gospel and the world.

Fr Laurent Fabre, founder and Superior General of the Chemin Neuf community, said:

"On the long and difficult path towards unity of Christians, there have often been surprises. It is with great joy that we are responding to the amazing invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury to live and pray daily in Lambeth Palace, in the heart of the Anglican Communion.

"It shows courage and wisdom; courage in inviting a Catholic Community with an ecumenical vocation to this place; and wisdom for being quite simply like the disciples, 'together in the same place' and for praying with Jesus, 'Father, may they be one so that the world may believe' (John 17, v21)."

"Four-hundred and eighty years it has been, and we are rejoicing over this new step [towards unity]. But the one who is rejoicing most is the Father himself, because 480 years of waiting is long even for God. This is a first step of something new."

The community living at Lambeth Palace will consist of a Lutheran training for ministry, a Roman Catholic consecrated sister, and a married Anglican couple.

The Archbishop's Chaplain, the Revd Dr Jo Wells, said:

"It's fantastic to have Chemin Neuf among us. Their presence reminds us that the Church is bigger than the Church of England or the Anglican Communion. It also reminds us that we don't need to do separately what we can do together – and what we do together, we do better."

In a special service of welcome in February attended by senior Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran clergy and other guests, among them Archbishop David Moxon, Archbishop Justin spoke of the this new step:

"There has never been a renewal of the Church in Western Europe without a renewal of prayer and the life of religious communities. If we want to see things changed, it starts with prayer."

Three services are held each day in the Crypt Chapel at Lambeth Palace so that the Archbishop's ministry, as well as the church and the wider world, is held constantly in prayer.

David Moxon writes:

"Not everyone will know that the place where the daily prayer occurs each day with the Archbishop, the Lambeth Palace community and Chemin Neuf, is a pre-reformation space, the old crypt of the palace chapel. Here before the Church was divided, we were one for many centuries, for longer than we have been divided. Now, although different from each other, those in this ecumenical group, who pray each day, are not divided in spirit: they seek a reconciled diversity. They experience an increasing degree of communion in this way.

"Anglicans will draw great hope from the fact that the spiritual leader of our Communion is praying like this each day; what ripples out from this sacred space will surprise and en-rich us all. May we all be one, that the world may believe."

PENTECOST AT GWENNAP PIT



CHRISTIANS PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

you are warmly invited to come and join us at the:-

ANNUAL UNITED PENTECOST SERVICE HELD AT GWENNAP PIT GWENNAP PIT, NR REDRUTH

**Sunday
8th June 2014
starting at 3pm**

community hymn singing from 2.30pm
Our preacher this year will be:-

MAJOR JEAN HARRIS SW Division of the Salvation Army

Reverend Steve Wild and Bishop Tim Thornton will be present.

Our music will be played by The Salvation Army Band (Cornwall Corps)

Car and small coach parking is available at Gwennap Pit (TR16 5HH)

Large coaches may drop off and collect after the service. Please approach the Pit via Carharrack

If it rains it rains - the event will continue, so if the day is likely to be damp, please dress accordingly.

**Will you make the effort to attend?
Please do. We would love for you to
come and join us.**

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CHRISTIANS WALKING WITH JESUS



CHRISTIANS from Falmouth, Helston and Porthleven celebrated their faith over the Easter Weekend with three Walks of Witness. These walks take place every Good Friday and Easter Saturday, for people to join in hymn and prayer.

Porthleven church members were out on Friday, walking along the harbour side from the Methodist Church for a service on the harbour head.

In Falmouth the story was acted out in more detail, in a walking Passion Play, with participants dressed as Roman soldiers and one man playing Jesus.

Helston's Walk of Witness took place on Saturday. The Churches Together in Helston and Wendron group gathered at the Co-op car park before making its way through the town singing and stopping for prayers, with any members of the public invited to join them en route.



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENZANCE AREA



Around 100 Christians came together to worship and sing hymns in the centre of Penzance after a Walk of Witness through the town.

CHAPLAINCY WALK

Wednesday 28 May 2014

1230hrs-1630hrs

**Open to all Culdrose personnel,
their families and well behaved
dogs**

**Transport available for MOD
personnel
from outside Chaplaincy**

**Alternatively meet at the Helford
Village Car Park, Helford, TR12
6JU for 1300hrs**

**For further information please
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This is an up to date list of the member churches of Churches Together in England. It is a useful list for a variety of reasons, from public information to mutual accountability, and re school admissions to appointing chaplains, where 'member churches of Churches Together in England' is a criteria.

Member churches of Churches Together in England are denominations in England at a national level. There are agreed parameters for [belonging](#), and a recognised process for requesting membership.

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This year's Christian Aid Week (11-17 May 2014 www.caweek.org)

Worldwide more than 45.2 million people are displaced by conflict and more than 1.5 billion are living in conflict affected countries, according to the United Nations.

The World Bank cites the insecurity caused by violence as one of the primary development challenges of our time and says that civil conflict costs the average developing country roughly 30 years of GDP growth.

Christian Aid works with partners in many countries around the world who are dealing with the challenges of on-going conflict, or the legacy war leaves behind.

Places like the Democratic Republic of Congo, Colombia, Iraq, South Sudan and Syria which are regularly in the news, but also in countries like Angola and Sierra Leone that are still re-building many years after the fighting has stopped.

The often life-saving work of Christian Aid partners includes providing emergency supplies such as food, water, medical care and shelter to those who are caught up in, or displaced by, the fighting.

They also offer longer-term support to rebuild shattered lives; providing counselling to those affected by trauma, helping people who have lost everything to once again earn a living, and enabling communities to build homes that will allow families to feel safe.

As well as the practical work with stricken communities, Christian Aid partners lobby for change at the local, national and international level, influencing government policy and protecting human rights.

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