

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018



That All May Be Free

*The Week of Prayer is international and offers local opportunities to meet and pray with fellow Christians of different denominations. The theme this year is **That All May Be Free**.*

The material for 2018 was prepared for worldwide use by the churches in the Caribbean based around Exodus 15.

Praying for the unity of the Church involves a recognition not only of the brokenness of Christian relationships but also how injustice in the world at large rends asunder Christian communities and impedes our participation in God's mission. History too plays a part, casting a shadow over how we live our lives together in community.

All of these issues emerge from the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity materials for 2018. The churches of the Caribbean region describe to us their own context, how the hand of God was active in ending slavery, and how God's mission in the world is a call to us all to unite together in ending injustice, that which casts a shadow from the past and current forms of injustice such as poverty, trafficking and discrimination. This particular Caribbean experience is a challenge to us in our context to reflect more deeply on the injustices in our own nations in Britain and Ireland which create the divisions that impede our participation in God's mission, with the call to actively work to end all division.

The Week of Prayer is an annual worldwide event. It is a great joy to meet with members of other churches; please come to as many of these days as you can.

For Sudbury & District:

Day 1: Sunday 21st January, 6:30 pm, *United Service at St Gregory's Church. Speaker Revd David Cornick, General Secretary of Churches Together in England.*

Day 2: Monday 22nd January, 12:30, *All Saints' Church Hall, Sudbury*

Day 3: Tuesday 23rd January, 12:30, *St John's Methodist Church, Sudbury*

Day 4: Wednesday 24th January, 12:30, *St Catherine's, Long Melford*

Day 5: Thursday 25th January, 12:30, *Salvation Army, Sudbury*

Day 6: Friday 26th January, 12:30, *Bures Baptist Church*

Day 7: Saturday 27th January, 8 – 9:30 am, *Prayer Breakfast at Sudbury Baptist Church*

Day 8: Sunday 28th January *nothing arranged*

Refreshments will be provided after most services.

For those leading worship and for those wishing to follow each day's theme at home, the material for the eight days can be downloaded from www.ctbi.org.uk.