



## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011



### 'HOW MANY LOAVES HAVE YOU?'

This year the service has been written by the women of Chile – a country much battered by disasters of all sorts in 2010. Firstly in February 2010 a violent earthquake with a magnitude of 8.8, felt strongly in six Chilean regions, from Valparaíso in the north, to Araucanía in the south, an area where 80 percent of the country's population live. The `quake was quickly followed by a tsunami 8½feet high recorded in the sea at Valparaíso, and then from the beginning of August for 70 days until October, the dramatic scenes from the San Jose copper mine were followed avidly as we watched with awe and amazement as the rescue of 33 miners was planned and carried out – viewed by millions the world over. We probably feel we know quite a lot about Chile as a result. Certainly their President became a familiar face on TV..... now we shall be able to learn a bit more about that land, so far away on the western side of South America.

It is astonishing to learn that the Republic of Chile stretches from Peru to Antarctica, occupying a long, narrow strip of land 2,640 miles long and roughly 110 miles wide, bordering Bolivia and Argentina across the Andes. It is a land of incredible contrasts and great natural beauty. The Chileans like to say that when God created the universe he found left over, a little piece of each element he had used: fire, cold, sun and snow, lakes and rivers, burning deserts, massive mountain ranges, majestic volcanoes, a variety of minerals, animals, birds, fish and fruits, and taking them in his hand left them at the bottom of the world, and Chile was born.

We shall learn more as we go through the Service, including that Chile has the highest incidence of domestic violence in Latin America and most women suffer from discrimination in some form or other. We will pray for that country as we join with women of many other countries throughout the world on this special day.

Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer *for everybody* as we demonstrate our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in other countries and all are welcome to attend. The Sudbury Women's World Day of Prayer Committee are grateful to Father Peter Brett, and the people of the Church of Our Lady and St John on the Croft, who are our hosts this year. We do hope that you will join us on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am for coffee before the Service which starts at 10.00am

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*presented by the women of Chile*  
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**FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011 at the Church of Our Lady & St John, The Croft, Sudbury**

**Time: 10.00am**  
**Coffee / Tea from 9.30am**

**ALL WELCOME**