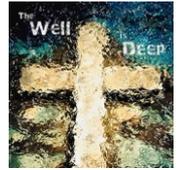


Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2015



The Well is Deep

*The Week of Prayer offers opportunities to meet and pray with fellow Christians of different denominations. The theme this year is **The Well is Deep***

This year's theme comes to us from the churches of Brazil. Brazilians, who have traditionally been tolerant of their various social classes and ethnic groups, are now living through a time of growing intolerance made manifest in high levels of violence, especially against minorities and the vulnerable. The logic that undergirds this kind of behaviour is competition for the religious market. Increasingly, in Brazil, some Christian groups compete with one another for a place on the mass media, for new members and for public funds.

The Brazilian churches have begun to recognise that intolerance should be dealt with in a positive way - respecting diversity and promoting dialogue as a permanent path of reconciliation and peace in fidelity to the gospel. We can share this recognition. Although the competition between churches is less obvious in our islands, we are well aware that competition and violent discrimination lie beneath the surface of our lives together. Jesus challenges us to acknowledge that diversity is part of God's design, to approach one another in trust and to see the face of God in the face of all men and women. 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 18th January, 6:30 pm United Service at Suffolk Road Church

Day 2: Monday 19th January, 12:30 Friends Meeting House (Quakers)

Day 3: Tuesday 20th January, 12:30 Cornard Christian Fellowship

Day 4: Wednesday 21st January, 12:30 Salvation Army, Sudbury

Day 5: Thursday 22nd January, 12:30 St Gregory's Church

Day 6: Friday 23rd January, 12:30 Sudbury Catholic Church

Day 7: Saturday 24th January, 8 – 9:30 am Prayer Breakfast at St Gregory's Ch Hall

Day 8: Sunday 25th January

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 .