

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020



*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 **Unusual kindness**.*

The materials for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Christian churches in Malta and Gozo (Christians Together in Malta). On 10th February many Christians in Malta celebrate the Feast of the Shipwreck of St Paul, marking and giving thanks for the arrival of Christian faith on these islands. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles used for the feast is the text chosen for this year's Week of Prayer.

Hospitality is a much-needed virtue in our search for Christian unity. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. The people who showed unusual kindness to Paul and his companions did not yet know Christ, and yet it is through their unusual kindness that a divided people were drawn closer together. Our own Christian unity will be discovered not only through showing hospitality to one another, but also through loving encounters with those who do not share our language, culture or faith.

In such tempestuous journeys and chance encounters, God's will for his Church and all people comes to fulfilment. As Paul will proclaim in Rome, this salvation of God has been sent to all peoples (see Acts 28:28).

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: Saturday 18th January, 8 – 9:30 am, *Prayer Breakfast at Cornard Christian Fellowship*

Day 2: Sunday 19th January, 6:30 pm, *United Service at Sudbury Baptist Church.*

Speaker: Rev Mark Ulanowski.

Day 3: Monday 20th January, 12:30, *St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard*

Day 4: Tuesday 21st January, 12:30, *All Saints' Church Hall, Sudbury*

Day 5: Wednesday 22nd January, 12:30, *Long Melford United Reformed Church*

Day 6: Thursday 23rd January, 7 for 7.30pm, *Open Forum at Sudbury Salvation Army*

Rob McNeish: Talk & Discussion: No.72 Supporting families

Day 7: Friday 24th January, 12:30, *Sudbury Catholic Church*

Day 8: Saturday 25th January, 8 – 9:30 am, *Prayer Breakfast at New Life Church*

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.