

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
**18 – 25 January or Pentecost 2006**  
***Where Two or Three are Gathered in My Name.***

The Churches of Ireland, who worked on the original material this year, wish to share the themes of *Unity in Christ* and *Reconciliation*. This is reflected in the image on this year's poster and pamphlet: it was inspired by Irish knot work designs and suggests three interlinked persons who might be the two or three of Matthew 18.20 or the Holy Trinity.

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## The 5 R's of Changing Lives

*'If you want to walk fast, walk alone  
If you want to go far, walk together'*

This African proverb says much to me about where we are at the moment. We are learning again how to walk together for the sake of those we are called to serve. We are being reminded that Jesus called us into *koinonia* – community which looks outwards.

*Changing Lives, Changing Churches for Changing Communities* is an evolving plan for the diocese of Bath and Wells. It requires us to think differently about how we do our mission, order our ministry and seek the welfare of the communities we serve. It is under-girded by a commitment to a partnership of clergy and lay people in living as the whole people of God, being a presence, offering service and bearing witness where we are.

*Changing Lives* is an unfolding programme of mission and I have come to see there are 5 R's in the challenge before us. Briefly, we are to **re-locate** ourselves amongst the people we serve and not be overly absorbed in the church structures and issues alone. We are given the task of **reconciliation** in our communities, resolving to seek resolution to local conflicts while pursuing all that makes for peace. We must consider **re-distribution** of gifts, ministry and resources so that we can support the mission in poorer and less thriving areas. We are to be people who see our need for **repentance**, turning in a new direction and opening ourselves to new possibilities. This way offers hope and a new self-understanding before God. Lastly, we are to be committed to the **re-conversion** of Somerset people to the Christian faith. In our secular age amidst social and economic change there is still a longing and desire among people to seek faith. Will they find a welcome and accompaniment on their spiritual journey if they come to our churches or engage in conversation with us?

Perhaps we have to begin to ask ourselves 'Who is God for us?' and 'What is the Church for?' The Baal Shem Tov, the founder of Hassidism, believed that people should live joyfully in their knowledge of God, and that spirituality should be worked out and demonstrated in daily life. At the heart of his teaching was friendship. He had little time for religious duties. He called his followers to see in each task and each moment the spark of the divine. His particular form of piety was popular among merchants, shop keepers, coachmen and clowns, whom he encouraged in their daily realities of eating, and sleeping, working and dancing, teaching and learning to discern God. He wrote, 'The task of humanity, all human beings, is to affirm for God's sake the world and themselves, and by these very means to transform both'. The Besht (as he was familiarly known) encouraged mutual sharing of consolation, community and prayer among a community of equals.

For the Besht, friendship was the key, a defence against isolation and loneliness, forced on them by government, aristocracy and anti-Semitic clergy. While our times and culture are somewhat different from those of this eighteenth century mystic, it is not difficult to draw parallels over our society's isolation and loneliness, and the apparent imperviousness of powers political, economic as well as clerical.

Our task and vocation as Jesus' followers is to rediscover *koinonia*, the call simply to be the church – to love one another for the sake of the world. To walk together and, under God, to walk far beyond our limited horizons.

**Bishop Peter Price**

### **Famous Names Lead Retreats at Ammerdown this Autumn**

The beautifully refurbished Ammerdown Retreat Centre in Radstock is inviting everyone to open your mind, free your spirit and live from your heart this Autumn as it offers a programme of retreats led by internationally respected personalities.

**Margaret Silf** will be paving the way to an inspirational Advent this year when she considers the wonderful and transforming place of Jesus Christ in God's fifteen billion year old universe. She'll be asking afresh what 'sin' and 'redemption' mean within such a Divine epic and challenging us to find the purpose and place that God intends for each of us in this current chapter of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. **6 -11 November 2006.**

For the contemplatives among us, **Elizabeth West** will be taking retreatants on a voyage into meditation and personal transformation, drawing on the teachings of various religions. **6 – 11 November 2006.**

If you have not yet visited the new Ammerdown, wondered at the new conference room facilities, tasted the culinary delights of the new head chef and smiled warmly at the new ensuite showers and toilets, then please feel welcome to call us and visit. You will be made very welcome. Telephone 01761 433709.

## **Shock and Peace at Taizé**

Around the world, Christians and non-Christians alike were recently shocked to hear of the sudden, violent death of the founder and leader of the Taizé Community.

Brother Roger Shultz was Swiss and during the war lived in the small village of Taizé in Burgundy, France, where he acted as Pastor to the impoverished local people and helped many Jews and others escape from the Nazis. At the end of the war he was joined by a small band of men in forming the Taizé Community.

By the early 1960's many people, particularly the young, were visiting the Community to see and share in the daily prayer and worship of the Brothers (who are now drawn from the Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox traditions and from all over the world).

The Community has come to see this example to the young of faith in Christ as their primary calling. But also, since their earliest years, they have had a particular concern for the poor. At any one time up to a half of the 100 or so Brothers are away from Taizé in twos and threes, serving, praying and living amongst the poorest of the poor around the globe. During the Cold War, they often travelled incognito behind the iron curtain.

Our family first visited Taizé in 1971 when our 3 sons were primary school age, and we have been many times since. At that time, during the vacations, there were often up to 7,000 young people visiting. Those who are over 30 are also welcomed but in much smaller numbers! I am writing this just before Anne and I set off to stay there again.

On 16 August Brother Roger, aged 90, was in his normal place amongst the Brothers at the evening prayer, surrounded by two and a half thousand young people, singing as they knelt or sat on the floor. A disturbed woman walked across to him and stabbed him several times in the neck: he died almost immediately.

The Brothers who attended him urged the others to keep singing and he entered the life of eternity with the beautiful music of a Taizé chant in his ears with the words: 'Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life?'

Although shocked, I cannot help reflecting on how appropriate it seems that Brother Roger died, in a sense, a martyr. At the very end he was in peace, in the place he most loved to be, surrounded by a host of singing, praying young people. He is buried by the little village church in Taizé where the Community began alongside other Brothers he loved and who have gone ahead of him.

**John Turner**

## **Our Local Ecumenical Partnership in Pill: The Agony and the Ecstasy**

The Parish Church of Pill is Christ Church, and the incumbent looks after a United Benefice that includes St George, Easton in Gordano, and St Mary, Portbury. Pill also has a Methodist Church, a Baptist Church and a Salvation Army Citadel. These six churches have kept each other informed and organised joint ventures via PEPCOC (Pill Easton and Portbury Council of Churches).

In 1994, the Anglican, Methodist and Baptist Ministers talked together of a closer allegiance between their three churches in Pill. They drew up a draft covenant agreement that would allow much closer spiritual and practical working together both for worship, for outreach and for social interaction. The whole process was catalysed by the enthusiasm of the three ministers to work together for mutual benefit and support, and their leadership persuaded the majority of each congregation that the covenant agreement would strengthen the church in Pill. It would not threaten the individuality of each church involved.

In 1995, the final covenant document was agreed, signed at a service on 29 October and Pill Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) was born. In the past ten years, we have worked together, retaining the three churches as separate entities and coordinating joint activities through a covenant steering group.

The benefits of the partnership are seen in our joint activities which include worship, social events, communications, outreach and youth work. We have observers on each other's committees (PCC, Deacon's Meetings, Stewards Meetings). These people can keep their church informed about the others and can often suggest a fresh approach, enabling us to adopt the best pooled advice.



Canal outing for Pill churches.

Ministers offer each other support and prayer, an alternative to a single denomination team ministry. We feel at home worshipping in each of our partnership churches and share resources to best advantage. When a minister leaves from any of the three churches, support is available from the partners during the inevitable interregnum.

However, the Local Ecumenical Partnership means cost and sacrifice. There is the need to convince three congregations with separate traditions that there is a benefit in coming together. There is also the need to overcome the fears that a LEP will water down or undermine the structure of each church. After ten years, there is still some anxiety that we have a secret agenda. Working together imposes an extra layer of communication on busy clergy and lay support staff. Our Rector has a hard task running a United Benefice where one church is in partnership and two are outside, and there are inevitably demarcation issues between the remits of PEPCOC and the Covenant.

Where are we going? Last year we signed a formal constitution for the LEP, which moves us one step further on in our journey together, and clarifies some of the 'fuzzy edges'. Currently our outreach is not achieving much growth in numbers, and we need to address this, but the increase in trust between congregations and the warmth of shared services make the Covenant a tremendous asset.

I also believe that it helps fulfil God's purpose, and that alone is justification for our efforts.

**David Yates, Chairman, Pill Covenant Steering Group**

'Local Ecumenical Partnerships have a continuing important part to play in the life of the Church in England in the first decade of the twenty first century. They are to be 'fruitful in the service of our common calling to mission'. As 'kingdom driven', they are witnesses in their life to reconciliation, forgiveness and renewal. They have been created by the churches to be a more effective witness to the gospel in a community than the churches would have been in their separateness. They are a place where unity and mission meet each other.

The Consultation wanted to restate the importance of LEPs as situations in which innovative and creative mission-thinking happens, in which issues of growing in unity are felt and heeded, and where identity, loyalty and practicality are tested. The call, therefore, was for better communication between denominations and LEPs and for a listening so careful that the Churches are open to being challenged, changed and renewed.' *An Extract from the Report of Churches Together in England's Consultation on Local Ecumenical Partnerships, November 2002*

## UNITY FOR MISSION

The ecumenical movement is not only committed to unity. Mission is also of vital importance. Many of the vision statements and covenants of Christians/Churches Together groups throughout Somerset show a real desire to engage in mission. This reflects the aims of the wider ecumenical movement. In the Basis and Commitment of Churches Together in England, the different traditions commit themselves 'to seek the deepening of communion with Christ and with one another in the church which is his body; and to fulfil their mission to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service to the world.'

**The Five Marks of Mission** are continuing to prove a real help to local Churches/Christians Together groups in fulfilling their calling to common witness and service. Endorsed by the 1997 Forum of Churches Together in England and rooted in the idea of Reconciliation, they are now widely accepted among many Christian traditions. They are:

- To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need and loving service
- To seek to transform the unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth

**The Five Marks of Mission** are a reminder that an important part of mission is evangelism. Proclamation of the good news is vital and a real challenge to the churches in our rapidly changing culture. They also remind us of the wider aspects of mission and how important they are in ecumenical living. Christian education, compassionate caring, working for a more wholesome lifestyle and the preservation of our environment, campaigning on peace and justice issues – these are also part of our engagement together in God's mission to the whole of His creation.

**The Five Marks of Mission** have other uses. They can help us evaluate our practice and our ideas and provide a framework for looking to the future. They also have the potential to unify people with different theological outlooks and concerns.

The **Building Bridges of Hope Project** is also concerned with the wider aspects of mission. Organised by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and the Churches' Commission on Mission, it is one of a whole series of projects to help churches move from maintenance to mission.

During the last decade, the project has followed the progress of various church congregations, including Churches/Christians Together groups, in many different situations in Britain and Ireland as they struggled with the process of becoming missionary congregations. As a result, the project has discovered what ways of being church best enable local congregations to join effectively with others in mission. The project has also developed a process called Mission Accompaniment in which a friendly outsider journeys alongside a congregation as it seeks to engage more effectively in mission, offering encouragement, information, support and guidance.

The project's results suggest that a congregation is likely to grow in its engagement with local mission when it is:

- **FOCUSING VISION:** developing clarity of vision, with related strategies and concrete plans.
- **BUILDING LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS:** seeking partnerships of concern and action in the wider community.
- **SHARING FAITH AND VALUES:** making conversation beyond their church, seeking out shared yearnings, aspirations and values.
- **NOURISHING DAILY LIVING:** taking seriously the need for believers to relate biblical faith to personal life, work situation and society today.
- **DEVELOPING SHARED LEADERSHIP:** developing clergy-lay team leadership animated by one another and linked to church learning institutions.
- **BECOMING COMMUNITIES OF LEARNING:** becoming at every level core communities of learning and engaging fit to be 'bridge-builders' with others.
- **BEING ACCOMPANIED:** welcoming systematic accompaniment and appraisal in non-directive ways from beyond the local and the networking of stories and experience in order to look with fresh eyes.

Emil Brunner once wrote that the Christian church exists by mission as a fire by burning. Worship, prayer and learning together are vital. But so are evangelism and service to the world – the ways in which God uses us to make Christ known in word and deed.

**Robin Dixon**

For information on CTBI's **Building Bridges of Hope Project**, visit [www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk) or phone 020 7654 7236 or e-mail: [terry.tennens@ctbi.org.uk](mailto:terry.tennens@ctbi.org.uk)

## **Sustainable Living; Leading by Example.**

Little of practical worth is being done to slow the advance of climate change. Or so it might seem from the pessimistic tone of much that is being said and written in the UK media about the subject. But, of course, it is not true. A lot is being done, not least within churches as one congregation after another in England and Wales goes green as part of Eco-Congregation, the Churches Together environmental programme.

But are the churches in our region doing enough? Is Somerset doing enough? One parish is leading the way. Since Cleeve & Claverham churches registered as an eco-congregation two years ago (see the July Somerset Churches Together newsletter), it has set up a youth group call Eco-friends, put a Good Shopping Guide in its library, made bird boxes and feeders for the church yard, now uses low energy bulbs when replacement is needed, and has made numerous other small yet significant advances.

More adventurous is a group of churches over the border in neighbouring Wiltshire. Here member churches of Swindon Churches Together have entered into a scheme with a supplier so that churches and congregations can now buy electricity generated using 100 per cent renewable resources. Could groups of churches in the larger towns of Somerset follow Swindon's lead?

Away from the churches, the Somerset scene is more encouraging with a diverse mixture of energy generation facilities and sustainability projects. They range from an ageing nuclear power generator plant at one end to proposed wind farms and pilot micro-scale hydro power generation schemes based on converted water mills at the other. The county will also be home to the UK's first bio-ethanol refiner, turning feed-stock, mainly wheat, into 'green' fuel. And then there is the controversial 22MW reclaimed-wood generation plant proposed for Bridgwater.

### **Challenge and Change?**

#### **An Introduction to Rural Ministry**

*For Those Concerned for Rural Churches and Rural Communities*

**15-17 May 2006**

**St Gildas Christian Centre  
Langport, Somerset**

The course will include a keynote speaker, discussion of countryside and ministry, past, present and future and the opportunity for local visits. Cost: £95.00. For further details, contact Robert Widdowson on 01749 841688 or [ruralrobert@fsmail.net](mailto:ruralrobert@fsmail.net)

Controversy characterises the progress of many of these systems and projects, whether nuclear energy or wind-power or wood-burning. It was evident during several of the sessions at Somerset Churches Together's *Down to Earth* conference at The Bishop's Palace in Wells last year that this diversity of opinion exists even among Christians. Each technology and initiative had its strong advocates and vocal critics.

Such controversy is healthy but its resolution demands an informed understanding of the issues and a knowledge of the facts; hence the value of events such as the well-thought-out *Down to Earth* conference. But there is even more value to be gained from seeing first hand what is being done, in visiting sites and talking with people who are leading the way by experiment and example.

With this in mind a number of site visits are being arranged as a complement to next year's ecumenical conference in Somerset on care for the environment. In the weeks leading up to and following the conference, it is hoped there will be an opportunity to see projects ranging from solar powered water heating and reed bed filtering to small-scale power generation, sustainable gardening and wild life habitat restoration. So watch this space.

**Brian Kellock, Somerset Churches Together Sustainability Group.**

**The Heat Project.** Phone 0800 093 4050 or visit [www.heatproject.co.uk](http://www.heatproject.co.uk) for installers of green insulation.

There is an **on-line website** where people or churches can give things away which they no longer want, such as furniture, or look for something on the site which they may need. Visit [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) and click on United Kingdom for a list of the current groups. If your town is not there, then you could start a local group.

The **Community Renewables Initiative's** aim is to help groups and individuals realise that renewable energy can form part of the regeneration of their locality. The initiative promotes and assists developments which are environmentally sensitive such as solar roofs, farm waste schemes, small, medium, and in some instances, large wind turbines etc. For information visit [www.cri-england.org.uk](http://www.cri-england.org.uk) or phone 01242 533260.

## Keeping the Vision Bright

'How could they?' is a question which arises in many situations and in each generation. The Massacre of the Innocents occurs in every century: Bethlehem, the Middle Passage of the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Armenia, Poland, Bosnia...and Tavistock Square, on the doorstep of Churches Together in England's London Office. Mankind's capacity to do evil deeds should come as no surprise. Yet the question, the cry of incomprehension, is still uttered, in protest or despair or frustration. The innocent are the victims of political fervour, or religious zeal, or a psychological need to be part of a group or to win favour of mentors or to enhance self identity, or whatever, in deadly combinations.

The image of God in which humanity is made is marred: that is no surprise. Equally unsurprising should be the goodness which bursts through the darkness and triumphs over the wickedness. Courage, compassion, altruism, patience, resolution – such things have been evident in each generation. Made in the image of God, humankind has demonstrated the love which is the nature of God. 'How couldn't they?' – it may be asked; Is there not something wonderfully inevitable in people's capacity to put others before themselves? Is not self-sacrifice as integral to being human as self-seeking?

How could they? How couldn't they? The worry is that the 'they' is 'us', for these are not questions about other people but about ourselves. Maybe we do not feel we are capable of tyrannous or violent action; but what do we do in ignorance, or fear, or in complicity, or out of a desire not to cause offence, or a wish to maintain the stability and coherence of society?.....

**set all free** is a project of the Churches to mark the bicentenary of the 1807 Abolition of the Slave Trade Act. It was largely through the Christian values of the abolitionists that the Transatlantic Slave Trade was abolished. Yet Christians had been involved in the trade, and as uneasiness about it arose the first response was to ameliorate the conditions of the victims rather than to address the issues of human dignity and exploitation. The project's title, **set all free**, acknowledges human frailty and human aspiration – '*all*' are in need of release from bondage: physical, emotional, spiritual, from guilt or bitterness or a destructive and murderous prejudice.

Set free, in the freedom which is the gift of the Christ who is himself the victim, we seek for a world order which recognises all people as God's children, deserving respect, valued as much for their difference from us as for their similarity to us, fellow-heirs of God's promises, fellow citizens of his kingdom of peace and justice and fulfilment.

It is this vision, an ecumenical vision, that we are called to keep alive.

**Bill Snelson, General Secretary, Churches Together in England**

## Noticeboard

**Great Minds Think Alike: What Way Forward for the Ecumenical Movement in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?** World Council of Churches Friends of Bossey are providing the opportunity to hear three internationally renowned speakers offer their candid perspectives on the future of ecumenism on 8 November 2005 from 11.45 am to 3.30 pm at the Churches Together in England office in London. £12 including lunch. Book with Revd Canon Roger Spiller on 024 765 21200 or [RogerSpiller@btinternet.com](mailto:RogerSpiller@btinternet.com)

**Spirituality Sustaining a Mission-Shaped Church** is the theme of a Building Bridges of Hope Conference to be held at High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddeson, Herts on 2 -3 November 2005. £75 all inclusive. For further information and to book a place, contact Terry Tennens, BBH Director, on 020 7654 7236 or e-mail: [terry.tennens@ctbi.org.uk](mailto:terry.tennens@ctbi.org.uk)

**Make Poverty History: Trade Justice Movement Mass Lobby of Parliament** in London on 2 November 2005 from 12.30 pm to 6.00 pm. Join up with 30,000 others to demand that your MPs support trade justice. For contact details to book a seat on a coach to London contact Elizabeth Perry on 01935 850 849 or Jenny Humphreys on 01749 670777. See also [www.christianaid.org.uk/campaign](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/campaign)

**World AIDS Day, Thursday 1 December 2005.** Christian Aid produces a World AIDS Day resource to help us engage in the issues with sympathy and action. Copies are available from Christian Aid Bristol office on 0117 9505006.

**A Celebration of World Mental Health Day** will take place in Wells Cathedral on 13 October 2005 from 2.00 pm until 3.00 pm. All welcome. Please also visit St Katherine's Chapel between 1 and 15 October where there will be materials on mental health issues.

**How Green is your Church?** Is a morning conference, organised by Churches Together in Bath, on how we can respond, as churches and as individuals, to the environmental crisis. It will be held at the Salvation Army Citadel, Green Park, Bath on 22 October 2005 from 9.15 am until 1.00 pm. Enquiries: 01225 316974.

**Life for the World** is offering a certificate course in Substance Misuse Care and Counselling at the Genesis Centre in Bath beginning 30 January 2006. For more details, contact Sheila on 01225 426265 or e-mail: [info@lftw.org](mailto:info@lftw.org)

## Resources

**Quotes, Words and Dates** brings together under one cover well known quotations from ecumenical texts, words which are used in the churches in different ways or with different nuances, and important dates on the ecumenical journey. As well as a reference booklet, the **Quotes** are worthy of reflection; the Words serve as a reminder of the need to be alert to how people can communicate the wrong meaning or cause unnecessary offence; the **Dates** are an encouragement through illustrating the distance that has been travelled in the last hundred years. £3.00 from Churches Together in England on 020 7529 8131.

**Setting the Scene for 2007.** 25 March 2007 marks the bicentenary of the Parliamentary Act to abolish the slave trade in the British colonies. Set all free: ACT TO END SLAVERY aims to remember the past and apply its lessons to the present. A project of Churches Together in England, it is a collaboration between the churches, church-related groups, societies and organisations, and others who are happy to work with a Christian ethos on the relevance of the bicentenary to today's world. A guide which sets the scene is available from Churches Together in England at £1.50. Phone 020 7529 8131.

**In the Spirit of the Covenant** is the Interim Report (2005) of the Joint Implementation Commission under the Covenant between the Methodist Church of Great Britain and the Church of England. The report shares and commends good practice and is a resource for reflection on the issues which continue to divide the two churches. It is meant to help Anglicans and Methodists to make the Covenant a practical reality now and to chart a direction in which we need to move towards fuller unity. Available from Methodist Publishing House on 01733 325002.

**Rural Migrant Workers – Modern Slavery?** is a leaflet which gives basic information about migrant workers, their needs and how local churches can help them. Produced by the ecumenical Churches' Rural Group, it is available free from the Arthur Rank Centre. E-mail [arcadmin@rase.org.uk](mailto:arcadmin@rase.org.uk)

29 January 2006 will be the thirteenth **Homelessness Sunday**. The theme in 2006 is Preventing Homelessness which turns the spotlight on the many ways of preventing people becoming homeless in the first place and calling on churches to be the prophetic voice of prevention. A resource pack is available from the Homelessness Sunday Partnership .Phone 020 7723 7273.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### OCTOBER

- 7 CAFOD Family Fast Day
- 23 – 30 One World Week. Local Events. Phone 0118 939 4933
- 23 – 30 Week of Prayer for World Peace
- 13 A Celebration of World Mental Health Day, Wells Cathedral, 2 – 3 pm
- 22 How Green is Your Church? Environmental Conference in Bath. Phone 01225 316974

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Trade Justice Mass Lobby of Parliament, London
- 2 – 3 Spirituality: Sustaining a Mission-Shaped Church. BBH Future Church Conference 2005. Phone: 0207 654 7236
- 20 – 26 Prisons Week. Worship and Resource Material from PO Box 2733, Lichfield WS13 6GZ

### DECEMBER

- 1 World Aids Day

### JANUARY

- 18 – 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 29 Homelessness Sunday. Visit [www.homelessness-sunday.org.uk](http://www.homelessness-sunday.org.uk)

*We can contribute to peace to the extent that we try and reply to these questions by the life we live: Can I become a bearer of trust where I live? Am I ready to understand others better and better? When the young and also the not-so-young, make an inner decision for peace and trust in this way, they make of their lives a light that shines around them.*

**Brother Roger of Taizé**

