



“May they all be one...so that the world may believe...” John 17:21

In the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** from 18-25 January, we have two opportunities to hear speakers from **Churches Together in England**.

The Revd Dr Roger Paul is the National Adviser for Unity in Mission, and the Council for Christian Unity. He will speak on the theme **“Mission Shaped and Ecumenical – Witnessing to Christ Today”** His talk will be during our **Shire and Soke Council Meeting** on Wed 20 January 2- 4pm at Toller URC, Gold Street Kettering. All welcome.





Revd John Bradley is the CTE Field Officer for the South as well as Secretary of the Churches Group for Local Unity. He will be preaching at a **United Service for Churches Together in Central Peterborough** on Sunday 24 January 7pm at St Mark’s Church, Lincoln Road Peterborough PE1 2SN.

The World Council of Churches have produced a ‘rivermap’ of the highlights of the ecumenical movement, 1910 – 2010. It makes a fascinating picture. Download from our website to see the full details.



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LOOKING AHEAD IN NORTHANTS AND PETERBOROUGH

<p>Saturday 9 January 11.00am - 12.15pm</p> 	<p>NORTHAMPTON LEADERSHIP PRAYER WALK Prayer walking in 2 - 3s from seven different locations around the town centre, ending with a time of worship and prayer outside All Saints Church. Map of prayer routes on our website.</p>
<p>Weds 13 January 6.00 – 8.00pm</p> 	<p>CORBY STREET PASTORS LAUNCH Revd Les Isaac, the founder and head of Street Pastors, will be speaking at Corby Council Chambers and the Mayor's Parlour (Corby Borough Council, Grosvenor House, George Street, Corby, Northants, NN17 1QB). All welcome! More information from Deacon Fiona de Boltz Tel: 01536 516818</p>
<p>Tuesday 9 February 12noon – 2pm</p>	<p>HOPE FOR PETERBOROUGH LUNCH Church leaders will meet at Bretton Baptist Church. More details soon, from the County Ecumenical Officer.</p>
<p>Saturday 13 February 9.30am – 4.30pm</p> 	<p>VOICES IN THE COUNSELLING RELATIONSHIP A one day voice training event for counsellors and other professionals, led by Christina Shewell at St. Mary's Church Centre, Peterborough PE1 1TT. Organised by The Well, details from Training Co-ordinator Revd Chris Mason Tel: 07749 90365</p>
	<p>PETERBOROUGH EXTRA This is a new section of our website where you will find full details and posters to download of upcoming events in the city. It currently includes a special request from Network Peterborough – visit their website at www.networkpeterborough.org.uk</p>

Finally, don't forget to support your local Christian bookshops this year! Following the end of STL distributors and the Wesley Owen chain of Christian bookshops not to mention the effects of Amazon on local booksellers, the Christian bookshops in Peterborough, Kettering, Wellingborough and Northampton need our continued support.

EDINBURGH 2010

In 1910 in Edinburgh a remarkable conference was held. 1200 church and mission leaders gathered to pray and think together about the world-wide mission of the Christian church. Many had lived and worked abroad as missionaries, but most were English-speaking men from Protestant churches in the West.

Enormous progress has been made towards unity since then and there is much to thank God for, despite the many challenges that remain. As efforts to build dialogue and co-operation continue, the **Edinburgh 2010 Mission Conference** will focus on **Witnessing to Christ** together in the world of today.

This time, a much wider range of Christian churches will be represented, including the Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal and Independent Churches. Some 250 delegates, both young and old, from across the globe will be invited to participate and the intended outcomes should be significant for mission worldwide.

Leading up to the event in June 2010, we are all invited to pray with and for this special conference. Go to www.edinburgh2010.org for more information and explore the various headings and resources.

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